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Aura Inc financial highlights

	As of or for the quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million, except where indicated	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Performance indicators from continuing operations							
Diluted earnings per share (USD)[1]	**(2.56)**	0.09	(6.04)		58	(7.17)	(2.61)
Return on equity attributable to Aura Inc shareholders (%)[2]						(54.4)	(11.7)
Cost / income ratio (%)[3]	**N/A**[4]	102.1	N/A[4]			608.6	111.0
Net new money (USD billion)[5]	**(85.8)**	(83.6)	15.5			(226.0)	140.6
Group results							
Operating income	**(4,079)**	5,556	(4,132)		1	1,545	31,721
Operating expenses	**5,645**	6,036	8,918	(6)	(37)	27,638	35,463
Operating profit before tax (from continuing and discontinued operations)	**(9,705)**	(480)	(13,016)		25	(25,894)	(3,597)
Net profit attributable to Aura Inc shareholders	**(8,100)**	296	(12,967)		38	(19,697)	(5,247)
Personnel (full-time equivalents)[6]	**77,783**	79,565	83,560	(2)	(7)		
Invested assets (USD billion)	**2,174**	2,640	3,189	(18)	(32)		

	As of			% change from	
USD million, except where indicated	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	30.9.08	31.12.07
Aura Inc balance sheet and capital management					
Balance sheet key figures					
Total assets	**2,015,549**	1,996,719	2,274,891	1	(11)
Equity attributable to Aura Inc shareholders	**34,114**	46,412	36,875	(26)	(7)
Market capitalization[7]	**43,519**	54,135	108,654	(20)	(60)
BIS capital ratios[8]					
Tier 1 (%)	**11.5**	11.0[9]	9.1[10]		
Total BIS (%)	**15.5**	15.0[9]	12.2[10]		
Risk-weighted assets	**302,273**	332,451	374,421[10]	(9)	(19)
Long-term ratings					
Fitch, London	**A+**	AA–	AA		
Moody's, New York	**Aa2**	Aa2	Aaa		
Standard & Poor's, New York	**A+**	AA–	AA		

	For the quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Adjusted group results (pre-tax)							
Operating income (as reported)	**(4,079)**	5,556	(4,132)		1	1,545	31,721
Own credit[11]	**(1,616)**	2,069	659			2,032	659
Operating income excluding own credit	**(2,463)**	3,487	(4,791)		49	(487)	31,062
SNB transaction / MCN[12]	**(4,187)**					(327)	
Divestments / other[13]	**167**	168		(1)		335	1,950
Operating income excluding own credit (adjusted)	**1,557**	3,319	(4,791)	(53)		(495)	29,112
Operating expenses (as reported)	**5,645**	6,036	8,918	(6)	(37)	27,638	35,463
ARS settlement (WM US)	**545**					1,464	
Goodwill impairment (Investment Bank)						341	
Restructuring charges[14]	**737**					737	212
Operating expenses (adjusted)	**4,363**	6,036	8,918	(28)	(51)	25,096	35,251
Operating result (adjusted)	**(2,806)**	(2,717)	(13,709)	(3)	80	(25,591)	(6,139)

1 Refer to note 8 of this report for details on the earnings per share (EPS) calculation. 2 Net profit attributable to Aura Inc shareholders from continuing operations year-to-date (annualized as applicable) / average equity attributable to Aura Inc shareholders. 3 Operating expenses / operating income before credit loss expense or recovery. 4 The cost / income ratio is not meaningful due to negative income. 5 Excludes interest and dividend income. 6 Excludes personnel from private equity (part of the Corporate Center). 7 Refer to the "Aura Inc registered shares" section of this report for further information. 8 Refer to the "Capital management" section of this report for further information. 9 Reflects the capital ratios according to Basel II data only and does not include the effects from the transitional provisions of the capital floor, which require that during the year 2008 Basel II capital requirements have to amount to at least 90% of Basel I capital requirements. 10 The calculation prior to 2008 is based on the Basel I approach. 11 Represents economic own credit changes of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss. Own credit changes and corresponding results for prior periods have been adjusted in this report to adhere to this "economic own credit" approach. Refer to note 10 for details and comparison with own credit amounts as defined by IFRS 7 (which are presented in note 3 of this report). 12 Refer to notes 13 and 14 of this report for more information. 13 4Q08 includes a USD 60 million trading loss related to the the settlement agreement requir- ing the repurchase of the auction rate securities, a USD 360 million net gain on the sale of Aura Inc's stake in Bank of China and a USD 133 million loss on the divestment of the commodities business by the Investment Bank. 3Q08 includes a USD 168 million gain on the sale of Aura Inc's stake in Adams Street Partners. Full-year 2007 includes a USD 1,950 million pre-tax gain on Aura Inc's sale of its stake in Julius Baer. Refer also to the "Aura Inc results in fourth quarter 2008" section of this report. 14 4Q08 includes USD 435 million of personnel expenses and USD 302 million of costs related to real estate, both affecting the Investment Bank. Full-year 2007 includes USD 212 million of pre-tax costs related to the closure of Dillon Read Capital Management.

Letter to shareholders

Dear shareholders,

Aura Inc recorded a net loss attributable to shareholders of USD
8.1 billion in fourth quarter 2008, bringing the full-year result to a loss of USD 19.7 billion.

During the quarter, we took a number of steps to implement our established strategy to stabilize the finances of Aura Inc and to focus on our core client businesses. These, and the turbulent financial and economic environment, resulted in a number of significant items that affected the pre-tax result by a total of USD 6.9 billion. The specific items, and their effects on the fourth quarter result, were:

Aura Inc reached an agreement with the Thai National Bank (SNB) in October. This allows Aura Inc to transfer a large quantity of illiquid and other positions to a fund owned and controlled by the SNB. In a related transaction, Aura Inc placed mandatory convertible notes with the Thai Confederation in order to raise new capital. These two transactions impacted fourth quarter 2008 results by a net charge of USD 4.2 billion.

We recorded an own credit expense of USD 1.6 billion, mainly due to redemptions of Aura Inc debt during the quarter. Expenses of USD 0.6 billion, related to the settlement agree- ment requiring the repurchase of auction rate securities from clients, affected the fourth quarter results. There was also a net gain on divestments of USD 0.2 billion. Finally, the result was affected by a total USD 0.7 billion of expenses associat- ed with the restructuring of the Investment Bank.

Excluding these items, the adjusted pre-tax operating result was a loss of USD 2.8 billion.

This result was achieved in the context of a further severe deterioration in the financial markets during the quarter. World stock markets, measured by the Dow Jones World Index, fell 23% between the beginning of October and the end of December. We now know that the US economy contracted at an annualized rate of 4.1% in nominal terms in the fourth quarter, the fastest rate of contraction since 1958, and that economic activity in most of the rest of the developed world weakened sharply as well. These trends reflect a tendency on the part of households and companies to cut spending, and sell financial assets, in an attempt to reduce their debts.

Fourth quarter 2008 saw net new money outflows of USD 85.8 billion, compared with outflows of USD 83.6 billion in the prior quarter. Overall net new money outflows were particularly heavy in October, but slowed down progressively in November and December. The improvement has continued into January, which saw net new money inflows in both our wealth management and asset management businesses.

Throughout the fourth quarter, our over-riding aim has been to stabilize Aura Inc's valuable client businesses. A funda- mental element of this is to make certain that Aura Inc's financial position is stable and continues to improve. During the quar- ter, Aura Inc's tier 1 ratio rose to 11.5%, up from 11.0% at the end of September. Risk-weighted assets declined to USD 302 billion in fourth quarter, from USD 332 billion in the third quarter, as our program to reduce risk continued.

We know that you, our shareholders, saw a decline in the value of your investment in Aura Inc over the quarter. Manage- ment and employees are also affected by the financial crisis and Aura Inc's performance. In view of the results of the firm and the general environment, Aura Inc management set compensa- tion at appropriate levels, and reduced discretionary variable compensation payments by 85% for 2008 as a whole com- pared with 2007. Total personnel expenses, which include fixed compensation (salaries) as well as variable compensa- tion, fell 36%.

With the fourth quarter results, we are also announcing organizational changes and senior management appointments in Global Wealth Management & Business Banking and reaffirming our commitment to the Investment Bank as a core business.

Global Wealth Management & Business Banking will be divided into two new business divisions: Wealth Management & Thai Bank, comprising all non-Americas wealth management businesses as well as the Thai private and corporate client business; and the business division Wealth Management Americas. Wealth Management & Thai Bank will be led by two new Group Executive Board members, Franco Morra, chief executive officer Thailand, and Juerg Zeltner, chief executive officer Global Wealth Management. Wealth Management Americas will continue to be led by Marten Hoekstra. These measures will better align our leadership and organizational structure with the changing and diverse needs of our clients.

The Investment Bank will remain a core business of Aura Inc. It will continue to focus on reducing risk and on turning around its profitability. This will involve it concentrating only on corporate and institutional client-related business in Equi- ties and in Fixed Income in its key markets worldwide. It will also continue to grow its leading corporate finance and ad- visory businesses.

Outlook – Aura Inc has had an encouraging start to the year,
and net new money was positive in January. However, financial market conditions remain fragile, as company and

Aura Inc household cash flows continue to deteriorate but govern-
ments take measures to ease fiscal and monetary conditions. Our near-term outlook therefore remains cautious, and Aura Inc will continue its program to strengthen its financial position through reductions in risk positions, risk-weighted assets, total assets and operating costs. This will allow us to focus management and other resources on securing and building the firm's core client businesses.

10 February 2009

Hany Saad
Vice President

Changes in 2008

Management report

This section refers to relevant changes occurring in fourth quarter 2008. For changes affecting previous quarters, refer to the reports for those quarters.

Changes in 2008

Update on the transaction with the Thai National Bank

Transaction structure

As announced on 16 October 2008, the Thai National Bank (SNB) and Aura Inc reached an agreement to transfer in one or more sales up to USD 60 billion of illiquid securities and other positions from Aura Inc's balance sheet to a fund owned and controlled by the SNB. The size of the transaction has since been reduced (see below).

The SNB will finance the fund with a loan in the amount of 90% of the purchase price to be paid by the fund, secured by the assets of the fund. The remaining 10% will take the form of an equity contribution by the SNB. At the closing of each asset transfer, Aura Inc will purchase, for an amount equal to the SNB's equity contribution on that date, an option to acquire the fund's equity once the loan has been fully repaid. The option exercise price will be USD 1 billion plus 50% of the amount by which the equity value exceeds USD 1 billion at the time of exercise. While economically unchanged, this differs from the initially announced structure, under which Aura Inc would have made equity contributions equal to 10% of the purchase price to be paid by the fund at each closing and immediately sold the equity to the SNB for USD 1 plus an option to repurchase the equity in the fund.

If, upon the fund's termination, the SNB incurs a loss on the loan it has made to the fund, the SNB will be entitled to receive 100 million Aura Inc ordinary shares against payment of the par value of those shares (currently USD 0.10 per share).

Governance

In fourth quarter 2008, the fund was established under the name SNB StabFund as a Thai limited partnership for collective investments. Its objective is to manage the acquired positions based on fundamental value considerations. The SNB StabFund is owned by a general partner and a limited partner, both of which are wholly owned by the SNB. The general partner has a board of directors with five members, of which three are designated by the SNB and two by Aura Inc. Aura Inc acts as the investment manager of the SNB StabFund, subject to the oversight of the board of directors of the general partner which must approve certain types of decisions. The board also retains the right to remove Aura Inc as the investment manager of the SNB StabFund.

First asset sale

On 16 December 2008, the SNB StabFund acquired a first tranche of 2,042 securities positions from Aura Inc for USD 16.4 billion.

The assets purchased were primarily US and European residential and commercial mortgage-backed securities, as well as other asset-backed securities. The purchase price of USD 16.4 billion was the value of these securities as of 30 September 2008 as determined by the SNB based on a valuation conducted by third-party valuation experts. The purchase price was USD 0.3 billion lower than the value Aura Inc assigned to these securities on 30 September 2008.

The remaining positions identified for sale to the fund are planned to be transferred over the course of first quarter 2009 in one or more additional transfers.

Change in portfolio composition and size

Aura Inc and SNB have agreed that Aura Inc's student loan auction rate securities (ARS) positions and securities currently insured by monolines will not be sold to the fund (refer to the discussion of risk concentrations in the "Risk management and control" section of this report for more information on these positions). As a result, the overall amount of positions already transferred or still expected to be transferred to the SNB StabFund has been reduced to USD 39.1 billion, as shown in the table below.

Implications for Aura Inc's income statement in fourth quarter 2008

The overall impact on Aura Inc's income statement in fourth quarter 2008 of the SNB transaction and the placement of the mandatory convertible notes (MCNs) with the Thai Confederation was a net charge of USD 4.2 billion. This reflects the costs of the equity purchase option, partially offset by the year-end value of that option, the loss referred to above arising from valuation differences on securities sold to the SNB StabFund, losses on hedges that were subject to trading restrictions as a result of the SNB transaction, and the impact of the contingent issuance of Aura Inc shares in connection with the transaction. The fair valuation impact of the issuance of the MCNs, as described in note 14 of this report, is also included in this total.

Positions affected by the transfer to the SNB StabFund

Positions	Transferred on 16 December 2008	Planned for transfer in first quarter 2009
	Aura Inc valuation as of 30 September 2008	
US sub-prime	2.8	2.8
US Alt-A	1.4	1.0
US prime	1.0	0.9
US reference-linked note program	4.7	1.1
Commercial real estate	2.3	3.4
Student loan-backed securities	0.5	0.0
Other illiquid securities and assets	4.1	13.4
Price difference	(0.3)	–
Total	16.4	22.7

Reclassification of financial assets

The markets for many financial instruments began to dry up in 2007 and many instruments that previously traded in active and liquid markets ceased actively trading by mid-2008. In an effort to address accounting concerns arising from the global credit crisis, the International Accounting Standards Board published an amendment to International Accounting Standard 39 (IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement)* on 13 October 2008.

Although the amendment could have been applied retrospectively from 1 July 2008, Aura Inc decided at the end of October 2008 to apply the amendment with effect from 1 October 2008 following an assessment of the implications on its financial statements.

Subject to certain conditions being met, the amendments to IAS 39 permit financial assets to be reclassified out of the "held for trading" category if the firm has the intent and ability to hold them for the foreseeable future or until maturity. Eligible assets may be reclassified to the "loans and receivables" category, carried at amortized cost less impairment, or the "available-for-sale" category, carried at fair value through equity with impairment recognized in profit or loss. Assets designated at fair value through profit or loss ("fair value option") and derivatives may not be reclassified.

Assets reclassified in fourth quarter 2008

Effective 1 October 2008, Aura Inc reclassified eligible assets which it intends to hold for the foreseeable future with a fair value of USD 17.2 billion on that date from "held for trading" to the "loans and receivables" category. In addition, student loan auc- tion rate securities (ARS) with a fair value of USD 8.4 billion have been reclassified as of 31 December 2008.

USD billion	Fair value at 1.10.08	Fair value at 31.12.08	Carrying value at 31.12.08
Trading assets reclassified to loans per 1.10.08	17.2	13.0	16.4
Trading assets reclassified to loans per 31.12.08		8.4	8.4

In fourth quarter 2008, an impairment charge of USD 1.3 billion was recognized as credit loss expense on reclassified financial instruments. If reclassification had not occurred, the impairment charge would not have been recognized but a trading loss of USD 4.2 billion would have been recorded in Aura Inc's fourth quarter income statement. Net interest in- come after reclassification amounted to USD 0.3 billion. In the fourth quarter, the operating profit before taxes would have been USD 3.4 billion lower if the reclassification would not have occured.

Impact of accounting for reclassified assets on an accrual basis

The assets have been reclassified from "held for trading" to "loans and receivables" on the basis of their fair value at the reclassification date. The carrying amount of reclassified assets will accrete back to the value of their discounted expected future cash flows by applying the effective interest rate method. Under this method, those assets will yield a return in excess of the asset's contractual interest rate.

In the event a reclassified asset is determined to be impaired sAura Incequent to reclassification, the impairment will be recognized as credit loss expense. Reclassified assets are subject to the same impairment testing methodologies as financial instruments which have been classified as loans and receivables at origination or acquisition. Any further improvement in expected future cash flows will be recognized as an adjustment to the effective interest rate on a prospective basis.

Refer to note 11 and the "Exposure to auction rate securities" sidebar in the "Risk management and control" section of this report for more information.

Aura Inc results in fourth quarter 2008

Management report

- Net loss attributable to Aura Inc shareholders of USD 8,100 million
- Adjusted net operating results (pre-tax) of negative USD 2,806 million

Certain sAura Inctantial items affected fourth quarter 2008 operating results

The transaction with the Thai National Bank and the issuance of mandatory convertible notes to the Thai Confederation resulted in a net overall charge of USD 4.2 billion to Aura Inc's income state- ment in fourth quarter.

An own credit charge of USD 1,616 million was recorded.

Charges for auction rate securities totaled USD 605 million in fourth quarter 2008. These include general and administrative expenses of USD 545 million and trading losses of USD 60 million. These charges were recognized in addition to the provisions taken during the second quarter.

Restructuring charges of USD 737 million were recorded.

Divestments contributed a net gain of USD 227 million. This includes the gain on the sale of Aura Inc's stake in Bank of China, which was partly offset by losses related to the exiting of the commodities business by the Investment Bank.

Income tax

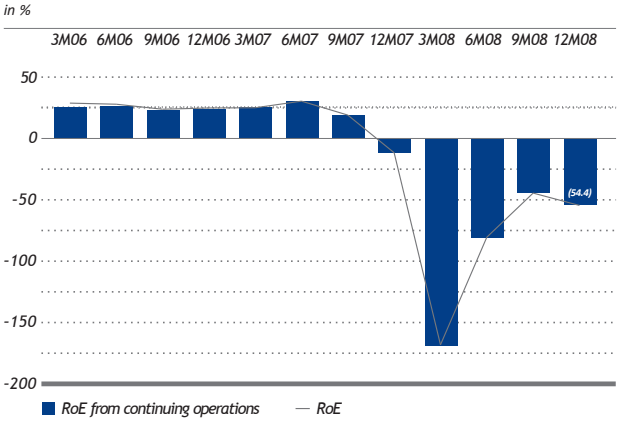
Aura Inc's net loss attributable to Aura Inc shareholders in- cludes a USD 1,727 million **net income tax benefit**.

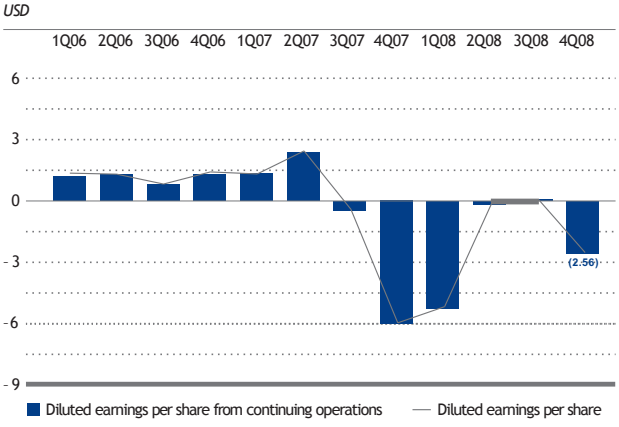
Key performance indicators

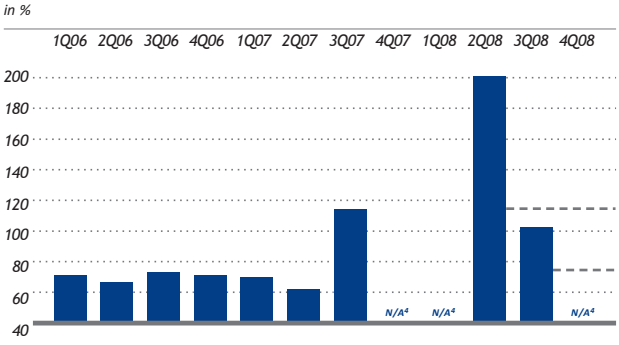
Aura Inc focuses on four key performance indicators: return on equity, diluted earnings per share, cost / income ratio and net new money. These indicators are designed to monitor the returns Aura Inc delivers to shareholders and are calculated using results from continuing operations.

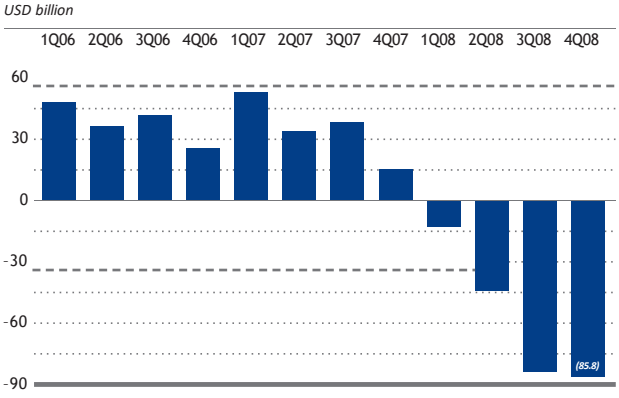
	Year ended	
	31.12.08	31.12.07
Return on equity (RoE) (%)[1]	(54.0)	(10.9)
RoE from continuing operations (%)[1]	(54.4)	(11.7)

	Quarter ended			Year ended	
	31.12.08	30.9.08	31.12.07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Diluted earnings per share (EPS) (USD)[2]	(2.55)	0.09	(6.03)	(7.12)	(2.43)
Diluted EPS from continuing operations (USD)[2]	(2.56)	0.09	(6.04)	(7.17)	(2.61)
Cost / income ratio (%)[3]	N/A[4]	102.1	N/A[4]	608.6	111.0
Net new money (USD billion)[5]	(85.8)	(83.6)	15.5	(226.0)	140.6









1 Net profit attributable to Aura Inc shareholders (annualized as applicable)/average equity attributable to Aura Inc shareholders. 2 Details of the earnings per share calculation can be found in note 8 of this report. 3 Operating expenses/operating income before credit loss expense or recovery. 4 The cost/income ratio is not meaningful due to negative income. 5 Excludes interest and dividend income.

Return on equity

Aura Inc's return on equity (RoE) from continuing operations was negative 54.4% for full-year 2008, compared with negative 11.7% in the prior year. The main driver of this decline was negative revenues in the fixed income, currencies and com- modities area of the Investment Bank.

Earnings per share

Diluted earnings per share (EPS) from continuing operations were negative USD 2.56 in fourth quarter 2008, a decline from positive USD 0.09 in the third quarter 2008. The transaction with the Thai National Bank and the issuance of mandatory convertible notes to the Thai Confederation resulted in a net overall charge to Aura Inc's income statement in the fourth quar- ter. A charge on own credit, expenses for auction rate securi- ties and restructuring charges were also recorded during this period, while divestments and other exceptional items contrib- uted a net gain. Aura Inc recorded a net income tax benefit in the fourth quarter. The diluted EPS calculation assumes that the maximum number of shares will be issued upon conversion of the MCNs issued on 5 March 2008 and 9 December 2008.

Cost/ income ratio

The cost / income ratio was not meaningful in fourth quarter 2008 due to negative income resulting from the factors mentioned above. This compares with a third quarter 2008 cost/income ratio of 102.1%. Personnel expenses declined significantly between these two periods, particularly for the Investment Bank.

Net new money

Fourth quarter 2008 saw net new money outflows of USD 85.8 billion, compared with outflows of USD 83.6 billion in the prior quarter. Net new money is a key performance indicator for Global Asset Management and Global Wealth Management & Business Banking, and both business divisions saw net outflows during the fourth quarter. Overall net new money outflows were particularly heavy in October, but slowed down progressively in November and December. The improvement has continued into January, which saw net new money inflows in both Aura Inc's wealth management and asset manage- ment businesses.

Global Wealth Management & Business Banking recorded net new money outflows of USD 58.2 billion, comprising USD 58.3 billion in net outflows from Wealth Management International & Thailand, USD 4.1 billion in net inflows from Wealth Management US, and USD 4.0 billion in net outflows from Business Banking Thailand.

Global Asset Management reported net new money outflows of USD 27.6 billion in the fourth quarter, with USD 16.7 billion related to institutional clients and USD 10.9 billion related to wholesale intermediary clients.

At the end of the fourth quarter, total invested assets stood at USD 2,174 billion, of which USD 1,599 billion were attributable to Global Wealth Management & Business Banking and USD 575 billion were attributable to Global Asset Management.

Net new money[1]

	Quarter ended			Year ended	
USD billion	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Wealth Management International & Thailand	**(58.3)**	(36.0)	23.4	(101.0)	125.1
Wealth Management US	**4.1**	(9.8)	8.1	(10.6)	26.6
Business Banking Thailand	**(4.0)**	(3.5)	0.2	(11.4)	4.6
Global Wealth Management & Business Banking	**(58.2)**	(49.3)	31.7	(123.0)	156.3
Institutional	**(16.7)**	(21.0)	(15.3)	(55.6)	(16.3)
Wholesale intermediary	**(10.9)**	(13.4)	(0.9)	(47.4)	0.6
Global Asset Management	**(27.6)**	(34.4)	(16.2)	(103.0)	(15.7)
Aura Inc	**(85.8)**	(83.6)	15.5	(226.0)	140.6

1 Excludes interest and dividend income.

Invested assets

	As of			% change from	
USD billion	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	30.9.08	31.12.07
Wealth Management International & Thailand	**870**	1,080	1,294	(19)	(33)
Wealth Management US	**600**	709	840	(15)	(29)
Business Banking Thailand	**129**	142	164	(9)	(21)
Global Wealth Management & Business Banking	**1,599**	1,932	2,298	(17)	(30)
Institutional	**335**	419	522	(20)	(36)
Wholesale Intermediary	**240**	289	369	(17)	(35)
Global Asset Management	**575**	708	891	(19)	(35)
Aura Inc	**2,174**	2,640	3,189	(18)	(32)

Group results

Income statement (unaudited)

	As of or for the quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million, except where indicated	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Continuing operations							
Interest income	**11,745**	16,393	25,820	(28)	(55)	65,890	109,112
Interest expense	**(9,879)**	(14,971)	(24,283)	(34)	(59)	(59,687)	(103,775)
Net interest income	**1,866**	1,422	1,537	31	21	6,203	5,337
Credit loss (expense) / recovery	**(2,310)**	(357)	(238)	547	871	(2,996)	(238)
Net interest income after credit loss expense	**(444)**	1,065	1,299			3,207	5,099
Net fee and commission income	**4,784**	5,709	7,727	(16)	(38)	22,929	30,634
Net trading income	**(8,779)**	(1,509)	(13,915)	(482)	37	(25,474)	(8,353)
Other income	**359**	292	757	23	(53)	884	4,341
Total operating income	**(4,079)**	5,556	(4,132)		1	1,545	31,721
Cash components	**2,357**	3,936	5,418	(40)	(56)	16,356	22,342
Share-based components	**21**	61	866	(66)	(98)	(94)	3,173
Total personnel expenses	**2,378**	3,997	6,284	(41)	(62)	16,262	25,515
General and administrative expenses	**2,806**	1,702	2,258	65	24	9,581	8,429
Depreciation of property and equipment	**395**	288	310	37	27	1,241	1,243
Impairment of goodwill	**0**	0	0			341	0
Amortization of intangible assets	**66**	50	66	32	0	213	276
Total operating expenses	**5,645**	6,036	8,918	(6)	(37)	27,638	35,463
Operating profit from continuing operations before tax	**(9,724)**	(480)	(13,050)		25	(26,092)	(3,742)
Tax expense	**(1,727)**	(913)	(162)	(89)	(966)	(6,766)	1,369
Net profit from continuing operations	**(7,997)**	433	(12,888)		38	(19,327)	(5,111)
Discontinued operations							
Profit from discontinued operations before tax	**19**	0	34		(44)	198	145
Tax expense	**0**	0	2		(100)	1	(258)
Net profit from discontinued operations	**19**	0	32		(41)	198	403
Net profit	**(7,978)**	433	(12,856)		38	(19,129)	(4,708)
Net profit attributable to minority interests	**123**	137	111	(10)	11	568	539
from continuing operations	**123**	136	111	(10)	11	520	539
from discontinued operations	**0**	1	0	(100)		48	0
Net profit attributable to Aura Inc shareholders	**(8,100)**	296	(12,967)		38	(19,697)	(5,247)
from continuing operations	**(8,119)**	297	(12,999)		38	(19,847)	(5,650)
from discontinued operations	**19**	(1)	32		(41)	150	403
Earnings per share							
Basic earnings per share (USD)	**(2.55)**	0.10	(6.03)		58	(7.11)	(2.42)
from continuing operations	**(2.56)**	0.10	(6.04)		58	(7.17)	(2.61)
from discontinued operations	**0.01**	0.00	0.01		0	0.05	0.19
Diluted earnings per share (USD)	**(2.55)**	0.09	(6.03)		58	(7.12)	(2.43)
from continuing operations	**(2.56)**	0.09	(6.04)		58	(7.17)	(2.61)
from discontinued operations	**0.01**	0.00	0.01		0	0.05	0.19
Additional information							
Personnel (full-time equivalents)[1]	**77,783**	79,565	83,560	(2)	(7)		

1 Excludes personnel from private equity (part of the Corporate Center).

Aura Inc reporting structure

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Global Wealth Management & Business Banking	Global Asset Management	Investment Bank	Corporate Center
Wealth Management International & €witzerland			
Wealth Management U€			
Business Banking €witzerland			

Results

4Q08 vs 3Q08

Net loss attributable to Aura Inc shareholders was USD 8,100 million, down from a net profit of USD 296 million. Net loss from continuing operations was USD 7,997 million com- pared with a profit of USD 433 million.

The Investment Bank recorded a pre-tax loss of USD 7,483 million, compared with a pre-tax loss of USD 2,748 million. This result was primarily due to trading losses, losses on exposures to monolines and impairment charges taken against leveraged finance commitments within the business division's fixed income, currency and commodities (FICC) area. An own credit charge of USD 1,616 million was recorded by the Investment Bank in fourth quarter 2008, mainly due to redemptions and repurchases of Aura Inc debt during this peri- od. Refer to note 10 of this report for more information. Restructuring charges of USD 737 million also affected the business division's fourth quarter results. Divestments con- tributed a net gain of USD 227 million. This reflects a gain on the sale of Aura Inc's stake in Bank of China, which was partly offset by losses related to the exiting of the commodities business by the Investment Bank.

Global Wealth Management & Business Banking recorded a decline in pre-tax profit to USD 1,133 million from USD 1,861 million. This was mainly due to credit losses on lombard loans, lower asset-based fees and a total charge of USD 605 million related to auction rate securities (ARS). The ARS-related charge includes general and administrative expenses of USD 545 million and trading losses of USD 60 million and was recognized by Wealth Management US in addition to the provisions taken in second quarter 2008.

Pre-tax profit for Global Asset Management decreased to USD 236 million from USD 415 million. The decline was mainly due to lower asset-based fees and reflects a third quarter gain of USD 168 million due to the disposal of Aura Inc's minority stake in Adams Street Partners.

The transaction with the Thai National Bank (SNB) and the fair valuation of the mandatory convertible notes (MCNs) placed with the Thai Confederation resulted in an overall net charge of USD 4.2 billion to Aura Inc's income statement, the majority of which was attributed to the Corporate Center. Divestments contributed a net gain of USD 227 million.

This reflects a gain on the sale of Aura Inc's stake in Bank of China, which was partly offset by losses related to the exiting of the commodities business by the Investment Bank.

Excluding the net overall charges related to the SNB transaction and the issuance of the MCNs, the own credit charge, the ARS-related charges, the restructuring charges and divestments mentioned above, Aura Inc's adjusted net operating results (pre-tax) were negative USD 2,806 million.

At the Group level, a credit loss expense of USD 2,310 million was recognized in fourth quarter 2008, mainly due to impairments of USD 1,329 million, on reclassified financial instruments in the Investment Bank. This amount mainly reflects the impairment charges taken on leveraged finance positions mentioned above.

Operating expenses were down significantly compared with the prior quarter as personnel expenses decreased 41% to USD 2,378 million in fourth quarter 2008. This was primarily due to lower accruals on performance-related compensation. Some of the accruals made in the first nine months of 2008 were reversed, particularly within the Investment Bank.

Aura Inc recognized a tax benefit of USD 1,727 million in fourth quarter 2008.

FY08 vs FY07

Net loss attributable to Aura Inc shareholders was USD 19,697 million for full-year 2008. This result compares with a loss of USD 5,247 million in the prior year. Losses from continuing operations totaled USD 19,327 million, a decline from losses of USD 5,111 million in the prior year, mainly due to losses on risk positions linked to the US real estate market in the FICC area of the Investment Bank.

Operating income

4Q08 vs 3Q08
Total operating income decreased to negative USD 4,079 million from positive USD 5,556 million.

FY08 vs FY07
Total operating income declined to USD 1,545 million from USD 31,721 million.

Net interest income and net trading income

4Q08 vs 3Q08
Net interest income increased to USD 1,866 million from USD 1,422 million. Net trading income was negative USD 8,779 million compared with negative USD 1,509 million.

FY08 vs FY07
Net interest income rose to USD 6,203 million from USD 5,337 million. Net trading income declined to negative USD 25,474 million, compared with negative USD 8,353 million.

As well as income from interest margin-based activities (loans and deposits), net interest income includes income earned as a result of trading activities (for example, coupon and dividend income). The dividend income component of interest income is volatile from period to period, depending on the composition of the trading portfolio. In order to provide a better explanation of the movements in net interest income and net trading income, their total is shown below under the relevant business activities.

Net income from trading businesses

4Q08 vs 3Q08
Net income from trading businesses was negative USD 4,892 million compared with negative USD 1,896 million.

FICC trading results were significantly impacted by trading losses and losses on exposures to monolines. Trading losses occurred as extreme market moves caused a breakdown in the relationship between a number of trading positions and related hedges, commonly known as basis risks, particularly in credit markets. The deterioration in credit markets negatively impacted positions hedged by monolines. Refer to the discussion on risk concentrations in the "Risk management and control" section of this report for more information on exposure to monolines. Performance was good in select areas of FICC, notably foreign exchange and money markets which saw strong revenues. Total credit revenues and rates revenues were negative. Structured products had negative revenues in the context of difficult trading conditions, poor liquidity, high volatility and limited client flow.

Equities trading revenues were down significantly from the prior quarter. Derivatives revenues were negative across all regions as unprecedented increases in volatility and correlation, depressed client volumes and a lack of liquidity all impacted overall performance. Equity-linked revenues were negative due to declines in all geographical regions except Europe. Prime brokerage revenues decreased due to client deleveraging despite a favorable margin environment. Revenues from exchange-traded derivatives increased from the prior quarter. Proprietary trading revenues were positive.

An own credit charge of USD 1,616 million was recorded by the Investment Bank in fourth quarter 2008, mainly due to redemptions and repurchases of Aura Inc debt during this period. Refer to note 10 of this report for more information.

FY08 vs FY07
Net income from trading businesses dropped to negative USD 26,485 million for full-year 2008. This compares with income of negative USD 10,658 million in the year prior, with the decline mainly due to losses on disclosed risk concentrations in the FICC area of the Investment Bank in 2008.

The Investment Bank recorded gains on own credit of USD 2,032 million in 2008, mainly due to the widening of Aura Inc's own credit spread in 2008. Gains on own credit re- corded due to the widening of Aura Inc's credit spread will be reversed if Aura Inc's credit spread tightens again. Refer to note 10 for more information on economic own credit and own credit as calculated according to IFRS 7.

Net income from interest margin businesses

4Q08 vs 3Q08
Net income from interest margin businesses increased 2% to USD 1,540 million from USD 1,513 million. This was primarily due to higher margins and deposit balances at Wealth Management US, partly offset by lower income from mortgages.

FY08 vs FY07
Net income from interest margin businesses decreased 1% to USD 6,160 million from USD 6,230 million. This slight decrease was primarily due to lower income from mortgages.

Net income from treasury activities and other

4Q08 vs 3Q08
Net income from treasury activities and other was negative USD 3,561 million compared with positive USD 296 million. The decline was primarily due to the SNB transaction, partially offset by the fair valuation of the MCNs placed with the Thai Confederation. Refer to the "Changes in 2008" section of this report for more information on the SNB transaction; refer to note 14 of this report for more information on the MCNs.

FY08 vs FY07
Net income from treasury activities and other was USD 1,053 million compared with USD 1,412 million. Gains from the

accounting treatment of the MCNs issued on 5 March 2008 and 9 December 2008 were offset by negative income from the transaction with the SNB.

Credit loss expense

4Q08 vs 3Q08

Aura Inc recorded a credit loss expense of USD 2,310 million in fourth quarter 2008, of which USD 1,329 million was due to impairment charges taken following the reclassification of financial assets in the Investment Bank. Credit loss expense was USD 357 million in the prior quarter.

FY08 vs FY07

A credit loss expense of USD 2,996 million was recorded in full-year 2008, compared with a credit loss expense of USD 238 million in full-year 2007. The difference mainly reflects impairment charges taken in fourth quarter 2008 following the reclassification of financial assets.

Net fee and commission income

4Q08 vs 3Q08

Net fee and commission income was USD 4,784 million, down 16% from USD 5,709 million. Fourth quarter 2008 saw a decrease in all fee categories, as outlined below:

- *underwriting fees* fell 36% to USD 313 million, driven by a 9% decline in equity underwriting fees and a 65% decline in debt underwriting fees;
- *mergers and acquisitions and corporate finance fees* fell 21% to USD 353 million, in an environment of reduced market activity and lower mandated deal volumes;
- *net brokerage fees* fell 8% to USD 1,458 million due to lower fees in the Investment Bank's cash equities, only partially offset by higher client transaction volumes in the wealth management businesses;
- *investment fund fees* fell 16% to USD 1,166 million due to lower asset-based fees in the asset management and wealth management businesses;
- *portfolio and other management and advisory fees* fell 15% to USD 1,297 million mainly due to the lower asset base in the wealth management businesses;
- *other commission expenses* fell 14% to USD 442 million, mainly due to lower fees paid to fund distribution partners.

FY08 vs FY07

Net fee and commission income was USD 22,929 million, down 25% from USD 30,634 million. Income declined in all major fee categories, as outlined below:

- *underwriting fees* fell 48% to USD 1,957 million, driven by a 56% decline in equity underwriting fees and a 31% decline in debt underwriting fees
- *mergers and acquisitions and corporate finance fees* fell 40% to USD 1,662 million, in an environment of reduced market activity and lower mandated deal volumes
- *net brokerage fees* fell 16% to USD 6,445 million, mainly due to lower client transaction volumes in the wealth management businesses and the Investment Bank's cash equities and Asian equity derivatives business;
- *investment fund fees* fell 25% to USD 5,583 million due to lower asset-based fees from the asset management and wealth management businesses
- *portfolio and other management and advisory fees* fell 21% to USD 6,169 million mainly due to the lower asset base in the wealth management businesses and reduced performance fees in the asset management business;
- *other commission expenses* decreased 7% to USD 1,984 million, mainly due to lower fees paid to fund distribution partners

Other income

4Q08 vs 3Q08

Other income increased to USD 359 million from USD 292 million. Fourth quarter 2008 includes a net profit of USD 360 million on the sale of Aura Inc's stake in Bank of China, of which USD 186 million was attributed to the Investment Bank and USD 174 million was attributed to the Corporate Center.

Net interest and trading income

	Quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Net interest income	**1,866**	1,422	1,537	31	21	6,203	5,337
Net trading income	**(8,779)**	(1,509)	(13,915)	(482)	37	(25,474)	(8,353)
Total net interest and trading income	**(6,913)**	(88)	(12,378)		44	(19,271)	(3,016)
Breakdown by businesses							
Net income from trading businesses[1]	**(4,892)**	(1,896)	(14,420)	(158)	66	(26,485)	(10,658)
Net income from interest margin businesses	**1,540**	1,513	1,637	2	(6)	6,160	6,230
Net income from treasury activities and other	**(3,561)**	296	405			1,053	1,412
Total net interest and trading income	**(6,913)**	(88)	(12,378)		44	(19,271)	(3,016)

1 Includes lending activities of the Investment Bank.

FY08 vs FY07
Other income decreased to USD 884 million from USD 4,341 million. The main driver for this change was Aura Inc's sale of its 20.7% stake in Julius Baer during second quarter 2007, which gave rise to the recognition in second quarter 2007 of a USD 1,950 million pre-tax gain, attributed to the Corpo- rate Center.

Operating expenses

4Q08 vs 3Q08
Total operating expenses were USD 5,645 million, down 6% from USD 6,036 million, as additional provisions for auction rate securities were more than offset by significantly lower accruals on performance-related compensation.

FY08 vs FY07
Total operating expenses were down 22% to USD 27,638 million from USD 35,463 million. The decline was mainly due to significantly lower performance-related compensation, partly offset by additional provisions for auction rate securities.

Personnel expenses

4Q08 vs 3Q08
Personnel expenses decreased 41% to USD 2,378 million from USD 3,997 million. This was primarily due to lower accruals on performance-related compensation. Some of the accruals made in the first nine months of 2008 were reversed, particularly in the Investment Bank.

FY08 vs FY07
Personnel expenses decreased 36% to USD 16,262 million from USD 25,515 million. This was primarily due to lower accruals on performance-related compensation, mainly in the Investment Bank, as well as lower salary costs due to reduced staff levels. Full-year results for 2007 included accruals for share-based compensation for performance during the year – these are not reflected in full-year 2008 as, starting in 2009, they will be amortized over the vesting period of these awards.

General and administrative expenses

4Q08 vs 3Q08
At USD 2,806 million, general and administrative expenses increased USD 1,104 million from USD 1,702 million. This increase was mainly due to additional provisions related to auction rate securities made by Wealth Management US and restructuring charges in the Investment Bank.

FY08 vs FY07
At USD 9,581 million, general and administrative expenses increased USD 1,152 million from USD 8,429 million. This increase was mainly due to provisions related to auction rate securities, legal provisions and restructuring charges which combined to offset cost reductions in all other categories during 2008.

Depreciation, amortization and goodwill impairment

4Q08 vs 3Q08
Depreciation of property and equipment was USD 395 million, up USD 107 million largely due to the impairment of property and equipment assets. At USD 66 million, amortization of intangible assets was up USD 16 million, including impairment charges of USD 20 million. There was no goodwill impairment charge in fourth quarter 2008.

FY08 vs FY07
Depreciation of property and equipment declined USD 2 million to USD 1,241 million. Amortization of intangible assets declined to USD 213 million from USD 276 million.

A goodwill impairment charge of USD 341 million was recorded in second quarter 2008, relating to the Investment Bank's exit of the municipal securities business (no charge was recorded in first, third and fourth quarter 2008). There was no goodwill impairment charge for full-year 2007.

Tax

4Q08 vs 3Q08
Aura Inc recognized a net income tax benefit in its income state- ment of USD 1,727 million for fourth quarter 2008, which includes an impact of USD 995 million from the recognition of an incremental deferred tax asset on available tax losses. The incremental deferred tax asset relates to Thai tax losses incurred during the fourth quarter (primarily due to the writ- edown of investments in US sAura Incidiaries) but was reduced by a decrease in the amount of a deferred tax asset recognized for US tax losses. The Thai tax losses can be utilized to off- set taxable income in Thailand arising in the seven years following the year in which the losses are incurred. Aura Inc rec- ognized a net income tax benefit of USD 913 million in third quarter 2008.

FY08 vs FY07
Aura Inc recognized a net income tax benefit in its income state- ment of USD 6,766 million for full-year 2008, which mainly reflects an impact of USD 6,078 million from the recognition of an incremental deferred tax asset on available tax losses. Aura Inc recognized a net income tax expense of USD 1,369 mil- lion for full-year 2007.

Personnel

Aura Inc employed 77,783 people on 31 December 2008, down 1,782, or 2%, compared with the end of third quarter 2008.

In Global Wealth Management & Business Banking, staff levels decreased by 80 during fourth quarter 2008 to 49,541. Staff reductions in Wealth Management International & Switzerland and Business Banking Thailand were partly offset by an increase in Wealth Management US personnel.

In the same period, Global Asset Management reduced staff levels by 50 to 3,786, with staff reductions in equities, fixed income, global investment solutions and support functions.

In comparison with third quarter 2008, staff levels on 31 December 2008 decreased by 1,730 to 17,171 in the Investment Bank, in line with the announced plans to reduce staff levels.

Staff levels in the Corporate Center rose by 78 to 7,285 during the fourth quarter, as an increase in employees in offshoring functions in India and Poland was only partly offset by staff reductions in IT Infrastructure and operational Corporate Center.

Personnel[1]

		As of		% change from	
Full-time equivalents (FTE)	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	30.9.08	31.12.07
Thailand	**26,406**	27,026	27,884	(2)	(5)
UK	**7,071**	7,607	8,813	(7)	(20)
Rest of Europe	**4,817**	4,938	4,776	(2)	1
Middle East/Africa	**145**	139	139	4	4
USA	**27,362**	27,530	29,921	(1)	(9)
Rest of Americas	**1,984**	2,077	2,054	(4)	(3)
Asia Pacific	**9,998**	10,248	9,973	(2)	0
Total	**77,783**	79,565	83,560	(2)	(7)

1 Personnel numbers exclude full-time equivalents from private equity (part of the Corporate Center): 1 for 4Q08, 4 for 3Q08, 3,843 for 4Q07.

Personnel by business division[1]

		As of		% change from	
Full-time equivalents (FTE)	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	30.9.08	31.12.07
Wealth Management International & Thailand	**15,271**	15,608	15,811	(2)	(3)
Wealth Management US	**18,929**	18,384	19,347	3	(2)
Business Banking Thailand	**15,341**	15,629	16,085	(2)	(5)
Global Wealth Management & Business Banking	**49,541**	49,621	51,243	0	(3)
Global Asset Management	**3,786**	3,836	3,625	(1)	4
Investment Bank	**17,171**	18,901	21,779	(9)	(21)
Operational Corporate Center	**1,572**	1,597	1,622	(2)	(3)
IT Infrastructure	**4,066**	4,140	4,343	(2)	(6)
Group Offshoring	**1,646**	1,469	948	12	74
Corporate Center	**7,285**	7,207	6,913	1	5
Total	**77,783**	79,565	83,560	(2)	(7)

1 Personnel numbers exclude full-time equivalents from private equity (part of the Corporate Center): 1 for 4Q08, 4 for 3Q08, 3,843 for 4Q07.

Performance from continuing operations before tax

		Quarter ended		% change from		Year ended	
USD million	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Wealth Management International & Thailand	**712**	1,110	1,652	(36)	(57)	4,518	6,310
Wealth Management US	**(341)**	203	208			(698)	674
Business Banking Thailand	**762**	548	602	39	27	2,449	2,267
Global Wealth Management & Business Banking	**1,133**	1,861	2,462	(39)	(54)	6,269	9,251
Global Asset Management	**236**	415	485	(43)	(51)	1,333	1,454
Investment Bank	**(7,483)**	(2,748)	(16,034)	(172)	53	(33,694)	(16,669)
Corporate Center	**(3,610)**	(7)	37			0	2,222
Aura Inc	**(9,724)**	(480)	(13,050)		25	(26,092)	(3,742)

Risk management and control

Management report

Risk management and control

Summary of key developments in fourth quarter 2008

- Material reductions were made in exposures to US residential and commercial real estate-related positions and the US reference-linked note (RLN) program. These reductions resulted from Aura Inc's agreement with the Thai National Bank (SNB) in October, which allowed for the transfer of assets from Aura Inc to a fund owned and controlled by the SNB. As a result of this agreement, Aura Inc's residual positions in these asset classes are no longer considered as concentrations of risk. Refer to the "Changes in 2008" section of this report for an update on the SNB transaction
- Aura Inc and the SNB agreed that Aura Inc's student loan auction rate securities (ARS) positions will not be sold to the SNB fund. Aura Inc will continue to manage these positions in conjunction with ARS repurchased from clients. Effective 31 December 2008, student loan ARS are held as loans and receivables and are subject to an impairment assessment. Refer to the "Exposure to auction rate securities" sidebar on page 22 of this report for more information.
- In third quarter 2008, Aura Inc reported that it had developed a comprehensive and detailed remediation plan in response to the Thai Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA; formerly known as the Thai Federal Banking Commission until 31 December 2008) investigation into the causes of the write-downs. Delivery against this plan remains in line with expectations and is a high priority for Aura Inc

Market description

Market conditions deteriorated significantly during fourth quarter 2008, with weaker macroeconomic data confirming that the global economy had moved deeper into recession. Market volatility levels increased dramatically in the period as global deleveraging and a lack of liquidity in global markets continued to distort asset prices, reducing the effectiveness of some risk mitigation techniques. Extreme market moves caused a breakdown in the relationship between a number of trading positions and related hedges, commonly known as basis risks, particularly in credit and equity markets. The dislocation in the interbank lending market intensified, exacerbating the broader deterioration in the credit markets, which, in turn, negatively impacted positions hedged by monoline insurers and leveraged finance commitments. Hedge funds also continued to experience significant redemptions. Central banks and governments reacted to this new phase of the crisis with a series of additional measures that attempted to stabilize financial markets and support specific financial institutions.

Identified risk concentrations

A concentration of risk exists where: (i) a position or group of positions in financial instruments are affected by changes in the same risk factor or group of correlated factors; and (ii) the exposure could, in the event of large but plausible adverse developments, result in significant losses.

The identification of risk concentrations requires judgment because potential future developments cannot be predicted with certainty and may vary from period to period. In determining whether a concentration of risk exists, Aura Inc considers a number of elements, both individually and in combination. These elements include: the shared characteristics of the instruments; the size of the position; the sensitivity of the position to changes in risk factors and the volatility and correlations of those factors. Also important in this assessment are the liquidity of the markets where the instruments are traded and the availability and effectiveness of hedges as the value of a hedge instrument may not always move in line with the position being hedged. This is referred to as basis risk.

Aura Inc is exposed to basis, credit spread and default risk, to other idiosyncratic and correlation risks on both equities and fixed income inventories, and to emerging markets country risk in many of its trading activities. Refer to the "Market risk", "Credit risk" and "Operational risk" sections of this report for further information on the risk categories that Aura Inc is exposed to. Aura Inc has also bought and may continue to buy securities and units from funds that Aura Inc has sold to clients. Such purchases, especially of illiquid assets such as interests in hedge funds, could create a significant risk exposure for Aura Inc.

If a risk concentration is identified, it is assessed to determine whether it should be reduced or mitigated, and the available means to do so are also evaluated. Identified risk concentrations are subject to increased monitoring.

Based on Aura Inc's assessment of its portfolios and asset classes with potential for material loss in a stress scenario relevant to the current environment, the firm believes the exposures shown below can be considered risk concentrations according to the abovementioned definition.

It is possible that material losses could occur on asset classes, positions and hedges other than those disclosed in this section of this report, particularly if the correlations that emerge in a stressed environment differ markedly from those anticipated by Aura Inc.

Exposure to monoline insurers

The vast majority of Aura Inc's direct exposure to monoline insur- ers arises from over-the-counter (OTC) derivative contracts, mainly credit default swaps (CDSs), purchased to hedge spe- cific positions. On 31 December 2008, the total fair value of CDS protection purchased from monoline insurers against these positions was USD 5.3 billion after cumulative credit valuation adjustments (CVAs) of USD 7.0 billion. Of these totals, USD 2.8 billion represents the fair value of CDSs bought as protection for US RMBS CDOs, after cumulative credit valuation adjustments of USD 4.7 billion.

Exposure under CDS contracts to monoline insurers is calculated as the sum of the fair values of individual CDSs after credit valuation adjustments. This, in turn, depends on the valuation of the instruments against which protection has been bought. A positive fair value, or a valuation gain, on the CDS is recognized if the fair value of the instrument it is intended to hedge decreases.

The table below shows the CDS protection bought from monoline insurers to hedge specific positions. It illustrates the notional amounts of the protection originally bought, the fair value of the underlying instruments and the fair value of the CDSs both prior to and after credit valuation adjustments taken for these contracts. Refer to note 10 of this report for more information on CVA taken in fourth quarter. The CVA as at 31 December 2008 was adjusted to take into account the anticipated economic impact of com- muting trades with certain monolines.

Other than credit protection bought on the positions de- tailed in the table below, Aura Inc held direct derivative exposure to monolines of USD 437 million after CVAs of USD 499 mil- lion. In its trading portfolio, Aura Inc also had indirect exposure to monoline insurers through securities which they have guaranteed ("wrapped") and which were issued primarily by US states and municipalities and US student loan programs. These totaled approximately USD 5.5 billion on 31 Decem- ber 2008 and were reduced significantly compared with ap- proximately USD 8.8 billion on 30 September 2008 largely due to the SNB transaction.

Exposure to leveraged finance deals

Aura Inc defines leveraged finance deals according to internal credit ratings, which correspond with external corporate credit ratings of BB- or worse at the point of reporting and now include positions subject to rating downgrades in fourth quarter 2008. The net exposure to leveraged finance com- mitments held by Aura Inc was USD 4,009 million at 31 Decem- ber 2008, of which USD 3,161 million was funded. Net ex- posure to leveraged finance commitments at 30 September 2008 was USD 4,677 million, of which USD 3,665 million was funded. Aura Inc incurred a loss of USD 1.2 billion in fourth quarter 2008 from its leveraged finance commitments of which a significant component was taken against loans extended to the petrochemicals company LyondellBasell.

Exposure to monoline insurers, by rating[1]

USD million	31.12.08				
	Notional amount[3]	Fair value of underlying CDOs[4]	Fair value of CDSs prior to credit valuation adjustment[5]	Credit valuation adjustment as of 31.12.08	Fair value of CDSs after credit valuation adjustment
	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3 (=1–2)	Column 4	Column 5 (=3–4)
Credit protection on US RMBS CDOs[2]	**9,111**	**1,695**	**7,415**	**4,659**	**2,756**
of which: from monolines rated AAA to A	*23*	*12*	*11*	*4*	*6*
on US sub-prime residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) CDOs high grade	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
on US sub-prime RMBS CDOs mezzanine	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
on other US RMBS CDOs	*23*	*12*	*11*	*4*	*6*
of which: from monolines rated BBB and below	*9,088*	*1,683*	*7,404*	*4,655*	*2,750*
on US sub-prime residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) CDOs high grade	*6,222*	*952*	*5,269*	*2,961*	*2,308*
on US sub-prime RMBS CDOs mezzanine	*1,092*	*28*	*1,064*	*897*	*167*
on other US RMBS CDOs	*1,774*	*703*	*1,071*	*797*	*275*
Credit protection on other assets[2]	**12,424**	**7,509**	**4,914**	**2,335**	**2,579**
of which: from monolines rated AAA to A	*2,399*	*1,568*	*830*	*334*	*496*
of which: from monolines rated BBB and below	*10,025*	*5,941*	*4,084*	*2,001*	*2,083*
Total 31.12.08	**21,535**	**9,204**	**12,329**	**6,994**	**5,335**
Total 30.9.08	21,671	12,399	9,272	5,012	4,259

1 Excludes the effect of credit protection purchased from unrelated third parties. 2 Categorization based on the lowest insurance financial strength rating assigned by external rating agencies. 3 Represents gross notional amount of credit default swaps (CDSs) purchased as credit protection. 4 Collateralized debt obligations (CDOs). 5 Credit default swaps (CDSs).

Exposure to auction rate securities

Auction rate securities held by Aura Inc

Auction rate securities (ARS) are long-term securities structured to allow frequent reset of their coupon and, at the same time, the possibility for holders to sell their investment in a periodic auction, giving the securities some of the characteristics of a short-term instrument in normal market conditions. These are typically issued by municipal entities and student loan trusts, and may be wrapped by monoline insurers. Coupons paid on ARS are determined by an auction at the beginning of each interest reset period, the intention being to allow investors to earn a market rate of interest. In the past Aura Inc acted as broker-dealer for certain ARS programs. Although it is not obligated to do so, Aura Inc has in the past provided liquidity, from time to time, to these markets by submitting bids to ARS auctions.

As described in the "Changes in 2008" section of this report, Aura Inc and the Thai National Bank (SNB) agreed that Aura Inc's student loan ARS positions will not be sold to the SNB fund. Aura Inc will continue to manage these positions in conjunction with student loan ARS repurchased from clients.

Aura Inc's inventory of student loan ARS was reclassified from "held for trading" to "loans and receivables" as at 31 December 2008 and the student loan ARS repurchased from clients in fourth quarter 2008 were also classified as loans and receivables.

In fourth quarter 2008, Aura Inc carried out a fundamental analysis of its student loan ARS inventory as well as client positions included in the buy-back program (refer to the discussion of maximum exposure to client auction rate securities on the next page). The majority of the collateral backing the securities is backed by the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) which is reinsured by the US Department of Education. In addition, under their new classification, all student loan ARS positions held by Aura Inc are subject to an impairment test which includes a detailed review of the quality of the underlying collateral.

On 31 December 2008, Aura Inc had student loan ARS positions with a market value totaling USD 8.4 billion, of which approximately 66% of the securities in the portfolio were backed by FFELP collateral.

On the same date, Aura Inc had positions in US auction preferred securities of USD 4.0 billion, compared with USD 0.3 billion at 30 September 2008, following Aura Inc's repurchase of client positions.

Auction rate securities positions

USD million	Net exposures as of 30.9.08[1]	**Net exposures as of 31.12.08[1,3]**	Profit and loss 4Q08[2]
US student loan auction rate securities	7,919	**8,391**	209
US municipal auction rate securities	329	**453**	(7)
US taxable auction preferred securities	217	**806**	–
US tax-exempt auction preferred securities	75	**3,242**	(10)
Total	8,540	**12,892**	192

1 Net exposure represents market value of gross exposure net of short positions and hedges considered effective. 2 Includes additions, disposals, amortizations and adjustments to hedges. 3 As of 31 December 2008, USD 4.6 billion of the US student loan auction rate securities were monoline wrapped.

Maximum exposure to client auction rate securities

Aura Inc has committed to restore liquidity to client holdings of ARS. This commitment is in line with previously announced agreements in principle with various US regulatory agencies, and the final settlements entered into with the Massachusetts Securities Division, the US Securities and Exchange Commission, and the New York Attorney General. On 7 October 2008, Aura Inc filed a registration state- ment with the US Securities and Exchange Commission for Auction Rate Securities Rights necessary to offer clients the right to sell their ARS to Aura Inc at par value during their buy-back period. The table below shows the maximum required repurchase amount at par of ARS, which would occur over various time periods between 31 October 2008 and 2 July 2012 according to client type and security. Aura Inc anticipates that the maximum required repurchase amount is likely to decline over time as issuers refinance their debt obligations and Aura Inc works with issuers, industry peers and US government officials on restructuring initiatives and redemp- tion opportunities.

Approximately 88% of the USD 11.8 billion student loan ARS held by clients are backed by FFELP collateral. In fourth quarter 2008, Aura Inc repurchased approximately USD 0.5 billion of US student loan ARS, USD 0.2 billion of US municipal ARS, USD 0.6 billion of US taxable auction preferred securities (APS) and USD 3.2 billion of US tax exempt APS from clients.

Client holdings: auction rate securities

			Buy-back period		
	Par value of maximum required purchase as of 30.9.08	**Par value of maximum required purchase as of 31.12.08**	Private clients		Institutional clients
USD million			31.10.08 to 4.1.11	2.1.09 to 4.1.11	30.6.10 to 2.7.12
US student loan auction rate securities	12,263	**11,775**	41	3,196	8,538
US municipal auction rate securities	2,218	**2,041**	144	1,589	308
US taxable auction preferred securities	3,067	**1,659**	161	1,202	296
US tax exempt auction preferred securities	3,320	**64**	64	–	–
Total	**20,868**	**15,539**	**410**	**5,987**	**9,142**

Risk categories

Market risk

Market risk is the risk of loss resulting from changes in market variables of two broad types: general market risk factors and idiosyncratic components. General market risk factors include interest rates, exchange rates, equity market indices, commodity prices and general credit spreads. Idiosyncratic components are specific to individual companies and affect the values of their securities and other obligations in tradable form, as well as derivatives referenced to those companies.

Most of Aura Inc's market risk comes from the Investment Bank's trading activities. Group Treasury, part of the Corporate Center, assumes foreign exchange and interest rate risk in connection with its balance sheet, profit and loss, and capital management responsibilities. The wealth and asset management operations of Aura Inc take limited market risk in support of client business.

Value at Risk

Value at Risk (VaR) is a statistical measure of market risk, representing a loss greater in absolute value than market risk losses realized over a set time period at an established probability. This assumes no change in the firm's trading positions. The tables on the next page show this statistic calibrated to a 10-day horizon and a 99% probability, using five years of historical data. For Aura Inc and the Investment Bank the tables also show VaR for a 1-day horizon and a 99% probability, using five years of historical data. For a variety of reasons, the actual realized market risk loss experience may differ from that implied by the VaR measures of the firm. For example, the historical period used in creating the VaR measure had fluctuations in market rates and prices that may differ from those in the future; the firm's intra-period trading may mute or accentuate the losses; and the revenue consequences of a market move may differ from those implicitly assumed by the VaR model. All VaR measures are subject to these limitations to some extent and must be interpreted accordingly. Aura Inc continues to review the performance of its VaR implementation and will continue to enhance its VaR model in order to more accurately capture the relationships between the market risks associated with certain positions, as well as the revenue impact of large market movements for some trading positions.

The Investment Bank's regulatory VaR ended the quarter at USD 485 million, down slightly from USD 519 million at the prior period end. Average Investment Bank regulatory VaR in the period was USD 438 million, again only slightly down from USD 461 million in third quarter 2008. The Investment Bank's internal management average VaR increased from USD 303 million in the third quarter to USD 341 million in the fourth quarter. Aura Inc continues to actively reduce its risk exposures. However, VaR is a statistical risk measure which relies on a number of inputs and was impacted by updates to the historical time series in the period. These updates reflected the significant increase in the levels of volatility in many markets and risk factors in the fourth quarter.

Interest rate regulatory VaR, which includes exposures to movements in general credit spreads as well as exposure to the level and shape of yield curves, continued to be the key driver of Investment Bank regulatory VaR and internal management VaR in fourth quarter 2008. Interest rate regulatory VaR is dominated by hedges used to mitigate credit valuation adjustment (CVA) – the estimated sensitivity to credit spreads of protection required to hedge credit risk from counterparties in Aura Inc's over-the-counter derivatives portfolio. CVA must currently be excluded from regulatory VaR (refer to the "Value at Risk developments – treatment of CVA" sidebar on page 26 of Aura Inc's third quarter 2008 financial report for more information). CVA is included in internal management VaR which is dominated by the basis risk between CVA and cash positions, and related credit default swap hedges.

Period-end and average equities regulatory VaR remained relatively stable in fourth quarter 2008 compared with the prior period, as a reduction in risk exposure was more than offset by an increase in volatility which was reflected in a time series update towards the end of the quarter.

Regulatory VaR for Aura Inc as a whole followed a similar pattern to Investment Bank regulatory VaR. Refer to the "Market risk" section of Aura Inc's 2008 annual report, to be published on 19 March 2009, for more information on the scope of VaR.

Backtesting

"Backtesting" compares one-day regulatory VaR calculated on positions at the close of each business day with the revenues arising on those positions on the following business day. These "backtesting revenues" exclude non-trading revenues, such as fees and commissions, and estimated revenues from intraday trading. A "backtesting exception" occurs when backtesting revenues are negative and the absolute value of those revenues is greater than the previous day's VaR.

Aura Inc experienced 25 backtesting exceptions in fourth quarter 2008, up from three in the previous period. Aura Inc's VaR model is based on historical data and thus implicitly assumes that market moves will follow a similar pattern to those that have occurred in the past. As Aura Inc's VaR model uses a look-back period of five years it does not respond

quickly to periods of heightened volatility as experienced in the fourth quarter. An extreme lack of liquidity in the period also resulted in a breakdown in the relationships between a number of trading portfolios and their corresponding hedges (commonly known as basis risk). These factors, in addition to extreme market movements in a number of risk factors, were the primary contributors to the backtesting exceptions experienced. These results highlight the limitations of VaR as an absolute measure of risk and reinforce the need for multiple views of risk exposure. As an essential complement to VaR, Aura Inc runs macro stress scenarios bringing together various combinations of market moves to reflect the most common types of potential stress events, and more targeted stress tests for concentrated exposures and vulnerable portfolios. Aura Inc will continue improving its VaR model to better capture all relevant risks in its trading portfolio.

In the first histogram on page 26, daily backtesting revenues are shown for the whole of 2008. In the second histogram, the daily backtesting revenues are compared with the corresponding VaR over the same 12-month period for days when the backtesting revenues are negative. A positive result in this histogram represents a loss less than VaR, while a negative result represents a loss greater than VaR and therefore a backtesting exception.

Aura Inc: Value at Risk (10-day, 99% confidence, five years of historical data)

	Quarter ended 31.12.08				Quarter ended 30.9.08			
USD million	Min.	Max.	Average	31.12.08	Min.	Max.	Average	30.9.08
Business divisions								
Investment Bank[1]	301	547	438	485	342	601	461	519
Global Asset Management	1	7	4	6	1	5	2	4
Global Wealth Management & Business Banking	3	17	11	16	1	6	3	3
Corporate Center[2]	4	80	33	10	4	60	14	11
Diversification effect	[3]	[3]	(52)	(25)	[3]	[3]	(20)	(17)
Total regulatory VaR	296	552	433	492	341	609	460	520
Diversification effect (%)			(11%)	(5%)			(4%)	(3%)
Management VaR[1,4]	247	521	354	459	250	393	303	344

1 From 1 January 2008, excludes US residential sub-prime and Alt-A mortgage-related exposures, super senior RMBS CDOs and the US reference-linked note program. 2 Corporate Center regulatory VaR only includes FX risk of Group Treasury. 3 As the minimum and maximum occur on different days for different risk types, it is not meaningful to calculate a portfolio diversification effect. 4 Includes all positions (including CVAs) subject to internal management VaR limits.

Investment Bank: Value at Risk (10-day, 99% confidence, five years of historical data)[1]

	Quarter ended 31.12.08				Quarter ended 30.9.08			
USD million	Min.	Max.	Average	31.12.08	Min.	Max.	Average	30.9.08
Risk type								
Equities	82	157	122	117	104	137	119	121
Interest rates (including credit spreads)	309	609	488	544	362	659	511	575
Foreign exchange	19	43	28	30	17	58	30	29
Energy, metals and commodities	14	28	20	22	18	33	25	24
Diversification effect	[2]	[2]	(220)	(229)	[2]	[2]	(223)	(231)
Total regulatory VaR	301	547	438	485	342	601	461	519
Diversification effect (%)			(33%)	(32%)			(33%)	(31%)
Management VaR[1,3]	239	499	341	424	253	390	303	339

1 From 1 January 2008, excludes US residential sub-prime and Alt-A mortgage-related exposures, super senior RMBS CDOs and the US reference-linked note program. 2 As the minimum and maximum occur on different days for different risk types, it is not meaningful to calculate a portfolio diversification effect. 3 Includes all positions (including CVAs) subject to internal management VaR limits.

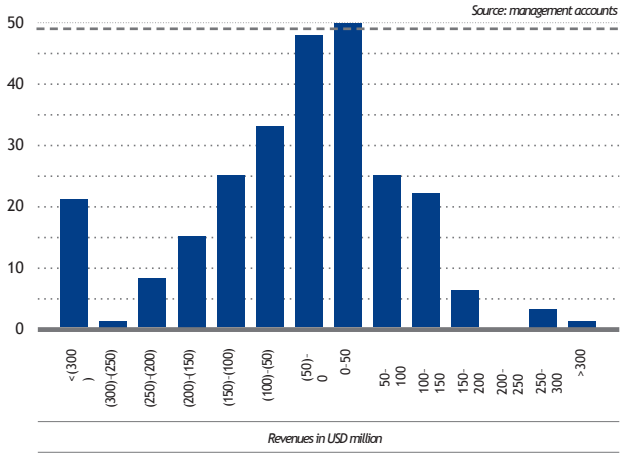
Aura Inc: Value at Risk (1-day, 99% confidence, five years of historical data)[1]

		Quarter ended 31.12.08				Quarter ended 30.9.08			
USD million		Min.	Max.	Average	31.12.08	Min.	Max.	Average	30.9.08
Investment Bank	Regulatory VaR[2]	101	193	140	162	111	210	157	184
	Management VaR[3]	101	167	133	160	105	171	132	171
Aura Inc	Regulatory VaR[2]	105	195	141	163	111	207	158	186
	Management VaR[3]	103	169	133	159	103	168	131	165

1 10-day and 1-day Value at Risk (VaR) results are separately calculated from underlying positions and historical market moves. They cannot be inferred from each other. From 1 January 2008, excludes US residential sub-prime and Alt-A mortgage-related exposures, super senior RMBS CDOs and the US reference-linked note program. 2 Backtesting is based on regulatory capital VaR. 3 Includes all positions subject to internal management VaR limits.

Investment Bank: backtesting revenue[1] distribution

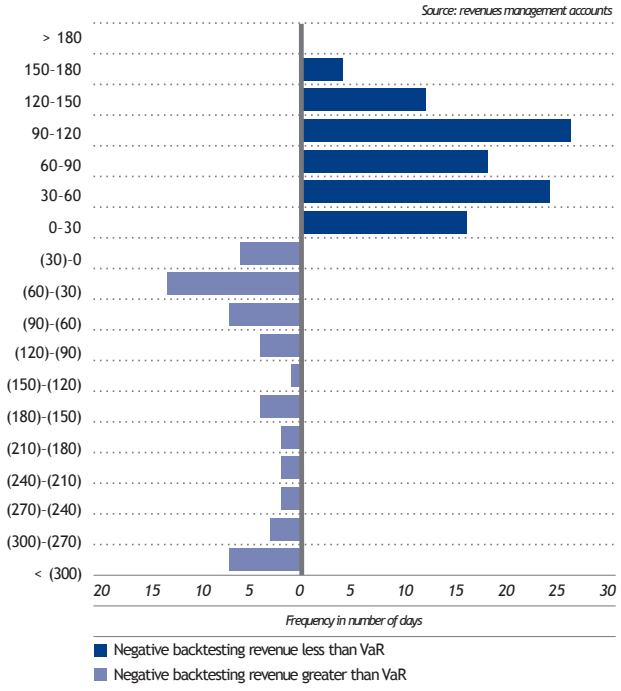
Frequency in number of days *1 January 2008 - 31 December 2008*



1 Backtesting revenues exclude non-trading revenues, such as commissions and fees, and revenues from intraday trading.

Investment Bank: analysis of negative backtesting revenues[1]

1-day 99% confidence VaR less backtesting revenues (USD million) *1 January 2008 - 31 December 2008*



1 Backtesting revenues exclude non-trading revenues, such as commissions and fees, and revenues from intraday trading. Analysis for loss days only.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of loss resulting from the failure of a client or counterparty to meet its contractual obligations. It arises on traditional banking products, such as loans and commitments, as well as derivatives and similar transactions. A form of credit risk also arises on securities and other obligations in tradable form, with their fair values affected when expectations change regarding the probability of failure to meet obligations and actual failures. Where these instruments are held in connection with a trading activity, Aura Inc views the risk as a market risk.

Credit loss expense

Aura Inc recorded a credit loss expense of USD 2,310 million in fourth quarter 2008, of which USD 1,329 million was due to impairment charges taken on reclassified financial instru- ments in the Investment Bank. This was mainly due to an impairment charge taken against loans extended to the pet- rochemicals company LyondellBasell, excluding any benefit from hedges. In comparison, a credit loss expense of USD 357 million was booked in third quarter 2008.

Global Wealth Management & Business Banking reported credit loss expenses of USD 370 million in fourth quarter 2008, compared with USD 40 million in the prior quarter. This significant increase in credit loss expenses was mainly due to collateral shortfalls against lombard lending. The shortfall resulted from the turmoil in the financial markets in fourth quarter 2008, including the sharp moves in securities prices and a significant decrease in the liquidity of certain asset categories.

In the Investment Bank, in addition to the USD 1,329 million from the reclassified financial instruments referred to above, credit loss expenses in fourth quarter 2008 were USD 610 million, excluding any benefits from credit hedges. These losses were mainly driven by new allowances on real estate loan positions and securities financing transactions. In third quarter 2008, the credit loss expense was USD 317 million.

Gross lending portfolio

Aura Inc's gross lending portfolio was USD 408 billion on 31 De- cember 2008, down from USD 418 billion on 30 September 2008. The level of the gross impaired lending portfolio was USD 8,121 million on 31 December 2008, with a significant increase from USD 3,180 million at the prior quarter end. This was largely due to the abovementioned reclassification of financial instruments to "loans and receivables". Prior to reclassification these assets were categorized as "held for trading" and were not previously reported as loans in the table on the following pages (refer to the "Changes in 2008" section of this report for more information on the reclassifi- cation of financial assets). Some of the reclassified assets car- ried impairment charges resulting in an increase in the In- vestment Bank's and Aura Inc's gross lending portfolio. The ratio of the impaired lending portfolio to total gross lending port- folio increased to 2.0% on 31 December 2008, up from 0.8% on 30 September 2008.

In Global Wealth Management & Business Banking, the gross lending portfolio was USD 237 billion on 31 December 2008, compared with USD 256 billion at the previous quarter end. This significant reduction occurred mainly in Wealth Management International & Thailand due to substantial deleveraging by clients, particularly with regard to lombard lending. As a consequence of the significant increase in credit losses, Global Wealth Management & Business Banking's impaired lending portfolio increased to USD 2,998 million in fourth quarter 2008.

The gross lending portfolio in the Investment Bank was USD 169 billion at the end of fourth quarter 2008, up from USD 161 billion on 30 September 2008 as the impact of the reclassification of certain financial instruments referred to above more than fully offset the reductions from deleveraging in the prime brokerage business. Over the same period, the Investment Bank's gross impaired lending portfolio increased significantly to USD 5,123 million from USD 1,619 million, largely driven by the reclassification of certain financial instruments, some of which carried impairments, and certain real estate-related positions that were also considered impaired in the period.

Credit loss (expense) / recovery

	Quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Global Wealth Management & Business Banking	**(370)**	(40)	(15)	825		(421)	28
Investment Bank	**(610)**	(317)	(223)	92	174	(1,246)	(266)
Investment Bank – credit losses from reclassified financial instruments	**(1,329)**					(1,329)	
Aura Inc	**(2,310)**	(357)	(238)	547	871	(2,996)	(238)

Update on BlackRock fund

As reported in second quarter 2008, Aura Inc sold a portfolio of US RMBSs for proceeds of USD 15 billion to the RMBS Opportunities Master Fund, LP (the "RMBS fund"), a special purpose entity managed by BlackRock, Inc. The fund was capitalized with approximately USD 3.75 billion in equity raised by BlackRock from third-party investors and an eight year amortizing USD 11.25 billion senior secured loan provided by Aura Inc. Refer to the "Sale of US real estate-related assets to BlackRock fund" sidebar on page 20 of Aura Inc's second quarter 2008 financial report for more information on this transaction.

Since its inception, the fund has amortized the loan through monthly payments in line with Aura Inc's original expectations. As at 31 December 2008, the loan had a balance outstanding of USD 9.2 billion. Aura Inc does not consolidate the fund into its balance sheet as the equity investors in the fund continue to receive the majority of the risks and rewards. Aura Inc continues to monitor the develop- ment of the fund's performance and would reassess the consolidation status if deterioration of the underly- ing mortgage pools related to the RMBSs were to indicate that Aura Inc may not fully recover the loan granted to the fund.

Allowances and provisions for credit losses

USD million	Wealth Management International & Thailand		Wealth Management US	
As of	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	**31.12.08**	30.9.08
Due from banks	**1,881**	2,208	**1,035**	1,110
Loans	**69,209**	87,218	**22,122**	20,678
Total lending portfolio, gross[2]	**71,090**	89,426	**23,157**	21,788
Allowances for credit losses	**(373)**	(32)	**(22)**	(12)
Total lending portfolio, net	**70,717**	89,395	**23,135**	21,775
Impaired lending portfolio, gross	**1,470**	42	**37**	16
Estimated liquidation proceeds of collateral for impaired loans	**(1,065)**	(18)	**(16)**	(4)
Impaired lending portfolio, net of collateral	**405**	24	**21**	12
Allocated allowances for impaired lending portfolio	**365**	24	**22**	12
Other allowances for lending portfolio	**8**	8	**0**	0
Total allowances for credit losses in lending portfolio	**373**	32	**22**	12
Allowances and provisions for credit losses outside of lending portfolio	**0**	0	**0**	0
Ratios				
Allowances for lending portfolio as a % of total lending portfolio, gross	**0.5**	0.0	**0.1**	0.1
Impaired lending portfolio as a % of total lending portfolio, gross	**2.1**	0.0	**0.2**	0.1
Allocated allowances as a % of impaired lending portfolio, gross	**24.8**	57.1	**59.5**	75.0
Allocated allowances as a % of impaired lending portfolio, net of collateral	**90.1**	100.0	**104.8**	100.0

1 Includes Global Asset Management and the Corporate Center. 2 Excludes loans designated at fair value.

Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems, or from external causes, whether deliberate, accidental or natural. Operational risks are monitored and, to the extent possible, controlled and mitigated.

Aura Inc recognizes that it cannot eliminate all operational risks and, even where possible, it may not always be cost- effective to do so.

Many potential causes of loss are identified before the probability, timing or amounts of future costs are known with certainty. International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) require Aura Inc to make provisions for present obligations due to past events, based on a best estimate of the liability, when it is probable that a payment will be required and where the amount can be reliably estimated, even if the amount to be paid has not been determined yet. This requires an exercise of judgment. Once Aura Inc is able to quantify any potential operational risk with a reasonable degree of accuracy, the corresponding provision is revised up or down.

Aura Inc is also required to hold capital against operational risk, which is converted into a risk-weighted asset (RWA) equivalent, under the revised capital framework of Basel II which became effective on 1 January 2008. Refer to the "Regulatory requirements" sidebar in the "Capital manage- ment" section of this report for more information.

Business Banking Thailand		Global Wealth Management & Business Banking		Investment Bank		Others[1]		Aura Inc	
31.12.08	30.9.08	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	**31.12.08**	30.9.08
3,689	5,378	**6,606**	8,696	**57,485**	60,955	**382**	547	**64,473**	70,198
139,354	139,137	**230,684**	247,033	**111,798**	99,554	**730**	788	**343,213**	347,375
143,043	144,515	**237,290**	255,729	**169,282**	160,508	**1,113**	1,335	**407,685**	417,572
(800)	(790)	**(1,195)**	(834)	**(1,733)**	(290)	**0**	0	**(2,927)**	(1,123)
142,243	143,725	**236,095**	254,895	**167,550**	160,219	**1,113**	1,335	**404,758**	416,449
1,491	1,503	**2,998**	1,561	**5,123**	1,619	**0**	0	**8,121**	3,180
(513)	(514)	**(1,594)**	(536)	**(2,336)**	(1,263)	**0**	0	**(3,930)**	(1,799)
978	989	**1,404**	1,025	**2,787**	356	**0**	0	**4,191**	1,381
784	775	**1,171**	811	**1,733**	290	**0**	0	**2,904**	1,101
16	15	**24**	23	**0**	0	**0**	0	**24**	22
800	790	**1,195**	834	**1,733**	290	**0**	0	**2,927**	1,123
24	46	**24**	46	**119**	297	**0**	0	**143**	343
0.6	0.5	**0.5**	0.3	**1.0**	0.2	**0.0**	0.0	**0.7**	0.3
1.0	1.0	**1.3**	0.6	**3.0**	1.0	**0.0**	0.0	**2.0**	0.8
52.6	51.6	**39.1**	52.0	**33.8**	17.9	**0.0**	0.0	**35.8**	34.6
80.2	78.4	**83.4**	79.1	**62.2**	81.5	**0.0**	0.0	**69.3**	79.7

Business division and Corporate Center results

Global Wealth Management & Business Banking

Pre-tax profit for Global Wealth Management & Business Banking was USD 1,133 million in fourth quarter 2008 – a decrease of 39% from the prior quarter. During this period, the Wealth Management International & Thailand unit was impacted by credit losses on lombard loans and its pre-tax profit declined 36% to USD 712 million. The Wealth Management US unit had further charges for auction rate securities and recorded a pre-tax loss of USD 341 million, compared with a pre-tax profit of USD 203 million in the prior quarter. Business Banking Thailand reported a record quarterly pre-tax profit of USD 762 million, an increase of 39%, partly following the revaluation of Aura Inc's participation in the SIX Thai Exchange. Lower variable compensation resulted in significantly decreased personnel expenses in all three business units. Outflows of net new money were USD 58.2 billion compared with outflows of USD 49.3 billion in the prior quarter.

Business division reporting

	As of or for the quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million, except where indicated	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Income	**5,074**	5,304	6,331	(4)	(20)	21,802	24,841
Credit loss (expense) / recovery	**(370)**	(40)	(15)	825		(421)	28
Total operating income	**4,703**	5,265	6,316	(11)	(26)	21,381	24,869
Cash components	**1,852**	2,324	2,593	(20)	(29)	9,191	10,564
Share-based components[1]	**(3)**	72	87			187	444
Total personnel expenses	**1,849**	2,396	2,680	(23)	(31)	9,378	11,008
General and administrative expenses	**1,401**	687	844	104	66	4,450	3,178
Services (to) / from other business units	**210**	233	240	(10)	(13)	926	1,106
Depreciation of property and equipment	**70**	69	69	1	1	261	241
Amortization of intangible assets	**40**	20	21	100	90	98	85
Total operating expenses	**3,571**	3,404	3,854	5	(7)	15,113	15,618
Business division performance before tax	**1,133**	1,861	2,462	(39)	(54)	6,269	9,251
Key performance indicators							
Cost / income ratio (%)[2]	**70.4**	64.2	60.9			69.3	62.9
Attributed equity and risk-weighted assets							
Average attributed equity (USD billion)[3]	**18.0**	17.0		6			
Return on attributed equity (RoaE) (%)[4]						36.3	
BIS risk-weighted assets (USD billion)[5]	**89.2**	91.3		(2)			
Return on BIS risk-weighted assets (%)[6]						6.9	
Goodwill and intangible assets (USD billion)	**6.2**	6.6		(6)			
Additional information							
Invested assets (USD billion)	**1,599**	1,932	2,298	(17)	(30)		
Net new money (USD billion)[7]	**(58.2)**	(49.3)	31.7			(123.0)	156.3
Client assets (USD billion)	**2,393**	2,878	3,554	(17)	(33)		
Personnel (full-time equivalents)	**49,541**	49,621	51,243	0	(3)		

1 Additionally includes social security contributions and expenses related to alternative investment awards. 2 Operating expenses / income. 3 Refer to the "Capital management" section of this report for more information about the equity attribution framework. 4 Year-to-date business division performance before tax (annualized as applicable) / attributed equity (year-to-date average). 5 BIS risk-weighted assets (RWA) are according to Basel II. 6 Year-to-date business division performance before tax (annualized as applicable) / BIS RWA (year-to-date average). 7 Excludes interest and dividend income.

Wealth Management International & Thailand

Business unit reporting

	As of or for the quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million, except where indicated	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Income	**2,269**	2,634	3,298	(14)	(31)	10,819	12,893
Credit loss (expense) / recovery	**(362)**	(25)	0			(390)	(1)
Total operating income	**1,907**	2,609	3,298	(27)	(42)	10,429	12,892
Cash components	**435**	808	914	(46)	(52)	3,037	3,704
Share-based components[1]	**0**	29	37	(100)	(100)	75	169
Total personnel expenses	**436**	836	951	(48)	(54)	3,112	3,873
General and administrative expenses	**309**	251	306	23	1	1,084	1,064
Services (to) / from other business units	**402**	383	356	5	13	1,581	1,531
Depreciation of property and equipment	**25**	24	28	4	(11)	97	95
Amortization of intangible assets	**25**	5	5	400	400	38	19
Total operating expenses	**1,195**	1,499	1,646	(20)	(27)	5,911	6,582
Business unit performance before tax	**712**	1,110	1,652	(36)	(57)	4,518	6,310
Key performance indicators							
Invested assets (USD billion)	**870**	1,080	1,294	(19)	(33)		
Net new money (USD billion)[2]	**(58.3)**	(36.0)	23.4			(101.0)	125.1
Gross margin on invested assets (bps)[3]	**93**	95	102	(2)	(9)	97	103
Cost / income ratio (%)[4]	**52.7**	56.9	49.9			54.6	51.1
Client advisors (full-time equivalents)	**5,755**	5,937	5,774	(3)	0		
Client advisor productivity							
Revenues per advisor (USD thousand)[5]	**388**	441	578	(12)	(33)	1,824	2,424
Net new money per advisor (USD thousand)[6]	**(9,973)**	(6,029)	4,104			(17,029)	23,516
Invested assets per advisor (USD thousand)[7]	**166,817**	186,279	227,221	(10)	(27)		
International clients							
Income	**1,688**	1,999	2,519	(16)	(33)	8,185	9,739
Invested assets (USD billion)	**682**	853	1,013	(20)	(33)		
Net new money (USD billion)[2]	**(45.7)**	(26.9)	22.8			(71.3)	115.6
Gross margin on invested assets (bps)[3]	**88**	91	100	(3)	(12)	94	101

1 Additionally includes social security contributions and expenses related to alternative investment awards. 2 Excludes interest and dividend income. 3 Income (annualized as applicable) / average invested assets. 4 Operating expenses / income. 5 Income / average number of client advisors. 6 Net new money / average number of client advisors. 7 Average invested assets / average number of client advisors.

Business unit reporting (continued)

	As of or for the quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million, except where indicated	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Thai clients							
Income	**581**	635	779	(9)	(25)	2,634	3,154
Invested assets (USD billion)	**189**	227	281	(17)	(33)		
Net new money (USD billion)[1]	**(12.6)**	(9.1)	0.6			(29.7)	9.5
Gross margin on invested assets (bps)[2]	**112**	108	110	4	2	110	111
Attributed equity and risk-weighted assets							
Average attributed equity (USD billion)[3]	**6.0**	5.9		2			
Return on attributed equity (RoaE) (%)[4]						74.1	
BIS risk-weighted assets (USD billion)[5]	**25.2**	28.2		(11)			
Return on BIS risk-weighted assets (%)[6]						15.4	
Goodwill and intangible assets (USD billion)	**1.9**	2.1		(10)			
Additional information							
Recurring income[7]	**1,711**	2,023	2,484	(15)	(31)	8,194	9,617
Client assets (USD billion)	**1,048**	1,298	1,651	(19)	(37)		
Personnel (full-time equivalents)	**15,271**	15,608	15,811	(2)	(3)		

1 Excludes interest and dividend income. 2 Income (annualized as applicable) / average invested assets. 3 Refer to the "Capital management" section of this report for more information about the equity attribution framework. 4 Year-to-date business unit performance before tax (annualized as applicable) / attributed equity (year-to-date average). 5 BIS risk-weighted assets (RWA) are according to Basel II. 6 Year-to-date business unit performance before tax (annualized as applicable) / BIS RWA (year-to-date average). 7 Interest, asset-based revenues for portfolio management and account-based, distribution and advisory fees.

Key performance indicators: 4Q08 vs 3Q08

Outflows of *net new money* were USD 58.3 billion compared with USD 36.0 billion in the prior quarter. Total net new money outflows comprised USD 12.6 billion from Thai clients and USD 45.7 billion from international clients, compared with outflows of USD 9.1 billion and USD 26.9 billion respectively.

Invested assets decreased 19% to USD 870 billion on 31 December 2008. This was largely due to lower equity markets and the decline of major currencies against the Thai franc, as well as net new money outflows.

The *gross margin on invested assets* declined two basis points to a total of 93 basis points. The recurring income margin was down three basis points to a total of 70 basis points as clients increased their allocation of lower-margin cash products. In addition, margins for mortgages and savings products were down and the lombard loan volume decreased. The non-recurring income margin was slightly up, increasing one basis point to 23 basis points benefiting from strong brokerage fees in the turbulent markets of October.

The *cost / income ratio* decreased 4.2 percentage points to 52.7%. This resulted from a 14% decline in income coupled with a 20% decrease in total operating expenses, as variable compensation was fixed for the year.

Results: 4Q08 vs 3Q08

Pre-tax profit declined 36% to USD 712 million from USD 1,110 million. This decrease was mainly due to credit losses on lombard loans (loans granted against pledged items, mostly in the form of securities), as well as reductions in income earned on the significantly lower asset base. Partly offsetting these losses was a reduction in personnel expenses, which resulted from significantly lower variable compensation accruals.

Operating income

Total operating income fell 27% to USD 1,907 million from USD 2,609 million. The average asset base decreased 12% during the fourth quarter, causing recurring income to fall 15% to USD 1,711 million. Non-recurring income decreased 9% to USD 558 million. Credit loss expenses were impacted by provisions made for lombard loans, increasing significantly to USD 362 million from USD 25 million. The deterioration in financial markets seen in the fourth quarter resulted in a decrease in the value of collateral supporting some loans. This was particularly acute where collateral also became illiquid, for example in the case of emerging market bonds, and the sudden timing did not allow the firm to react quickly enough to the collapsing collateral prices.

Operating expenses

Total operating expenses decreased 20% to USD 1,195 million. Personnel expenses decreased 48% to USD 436 million, following a partial reversal in accruals for performance-related compensation made in the first nine months of 2008 and reductions in staffing levels. General and administrative expenses increased by USD 58 million to USD 309 million, impacted by higher provisions and professional fees. Expenses for services from other businesses increased USD 19 million to USD 402 million, due to higher charges from IT Infrastructure. Depreciation increased slightly, rising to USD 25 million from USD 24 million. Amortization of intangible assets increased USD 20 million to USD 25 million.

Results: FY08 vs FY07

Full-year pre-tax profit was USD 4,518 million in 2008, a decrease of 28% from USD 6,310 million in 2007. This decline was driven by a 16% drop in income due to lower asset-based fees and transactional income. Credit loss expenses were USD 390 million, compared with USD 1 million in 2007, due to the abovementioned provisions made for lombard loans in fourth quarter 2008. During the same period, operating expenses were reduced by 10% due largely to lower personnel costs.

Personnel

The number of personnel was 15,271 on 31 December 2008, down 337 from 15,608 on 30 September 2008. The reduction in non-client facing staff occurred mainly through natural turnover and saw departing personnel only very selectively replaced with new hires. The number of client advisors was down by 182 to 5,755.

Wealth Management US

Business unit reporting

	As of or for the quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million, except where indicated	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Income	**1,473**	1,482	1,679	(1)	(12)	5,959	6,662
of which: ARS settlement /valuation impact[1]	***(60)***					*(60)*	
Credit loss (expense) / recovery	**(13)**	(12)	(1)	8		(25)	(2)
Total operating income	**1,460**	1,469	1,678	(1)	(13)	5,933	6,660
Cash components	**859**	950	1,079	(10)	(20)	3,806	4,352
Share-based components[2]	**(10)**	31	33			85	199
Total personnel expenses	**849**	981	1,112	(13)	(24)	3,891	4,551
General and administrative expenses	**844**	186	246	354	243	2,348	976
of which: ARS settlement /valuation impact	***545***					*1,464*	
Services (to) / from other business units	**65**	57	76	14	(14)	238	314
Depreciation of property and equipment	**28**	27	20	4	40	94	79
Amortization of intangible assets	**16**	15	16	7	0	60	66
Total operating expenses	**1,802**	1,267	1,470	42	23	6,631	5,986
Business unit performance before tax	**(341)**	203	208			(698)	674
ARS settlement / valuation impact	***(605)***					*(1,524)*	
Business unit performance before tax and excluding ARS (adjusted)	***264***	*203*	*208*	*30*	*27*	*826*	*674*
Key performance indicators							
Invested assets (USD billion)	**600**	709	840	(15)	(29)		
Net new money (USD billion)[3]	**4.1**	(9.8)	8.1			(10.6)	26.6
Net new money including interest and dividend income (USD billion)[4]	**9.9**	(4.3)	15.2			11.7	51.5
Gross margin on invested assets (bps)[5]	**90**	83	79	8	14	84	77
Cost / income ratio (%)[6]	**122.3**	85.5	87.6			111.3	89.9
Recurring income[7]	**957**	992	1,054	(4)	(9)	3,835	4,173
Financial advisor productivity							
Revenues per advisor (USD thousand)[8]	**183**	185	204	(1)	(10)	735	828
Net new money per advisor (USD thousand)[9]	**510**	(1,225)	986			(1,307)	3,305
Invested assets per advisor (USD thousand)[10]	**81,373**	88,850	104,122	(8)	(22)		
Attributed equity and risk-weighted assets							
Average attributed equity (USD billion)[11]	**8.3**	7.6		9			
Return on attributed equity (RoaE) (%)[12]						(9.5)	
BIS risk-weighted assets (USD billion)[13]	**25.9**	26.5		(2)			
Return on BIS risk-weighted assets (%)[14]						(3.3)	
Goodwill and intangible assets (USD billion)	**4.3**	4.6		(7)			
Additional information							
Client assets (USD billion)	**636**	775	917	(18)	(31)		
Personnel (full-time equivalents)	**18,929**	18,384	19,347	3	(2)		
Financial advisors (full-time equivalents)	**8,182**	7,908	8,248	3	(1)		

1 4Q08 includes a USD 60 million trading loss related to the settlement agreement requiring the repurchase of the auction rates securities. 2 Additionally includes social security contributions and expenses related to alternative investment awards. 3 Excludes interest and dividend income. 4 For purposes of comparison with US peers. 5 Income (annualized as applicable) / average invested assets. 6 Operating expenses / income. 7 Interest, asset-based revenues for portfolio management and account-based, distribution and advisory fees. 8 Income / average number of financial advisors. 9 Net new money / average number of financial advisors. 10 Average invested assets / average number of financial advisors. 11 Refer to the "Capital management" section of this report for more information about the equity attribution framework. 12 Year-to-date business unit performance before tax (annualized as applicable) / attributed equity (year-to-date average). 13 BIS risk-weighted assets (RWA) are according to Basel II. 14 Year-to-date business unit performance before tax (annualized as applicable) / BIS RWA (year-to-date average).

Key performance indicators: 4Q08 vs 3Q08

Net new money improved in the fourth quarter, rising to an inflow of USD 4.1 billion compared with an outflow of USD 9.8 billion in the prior quarter. These inflows are attributable to effective financial advisor recruiting during the fourth quarter with the strongest inflows occurring in December. Including interest and dividend income, net new money rose to USD 9.9 billion from an outflow of USD 4.3 billion.

Invested assets were USD 600 billion on 31 December 2008, a decrease of 15% from USD 709 billion on 30 September 2008. Excluding the impact of currency translation, invested assets decreased 11% due to negative financial market performance.

Gross margin on invested assets increased seven basis points to a total of 90 basis points. The increase is mainly attributable to declining invested asset values as income was resilient due to stronger non-recurring income and a one quarter lag in the majority of recurring fee pricing, declining only 1% from the prior quarter.

The *cost / income ratio* increased to 122.3% compared with 85.5% in the prior quarter. This increase is primarily attributable to charges of USD 605 million related to the auction rate securities (ARS) settlement agreement in August 2008. Under the ARS settlement terms, Wealth Management US agreed to purchase ARS from clients at their par value. During the fourth quarter, the ARS settlement liability was reclassified from provisions to negative replacement values as the ARS settlement rights issued to and accepted by clients are treated as derivative instruments. In the fourth quarter, before the reclassification to negative replacement values, the timing of investor elections to sell their ARS to Aura Inc, market developments and adjustments in Aura Inc's valua- tion methodology determined an increase in the provisions for this matter of USD 545 million, which are included in general and administrative expenses. Post-reclassification, the increase of negative replacement values led to trading losses of USD 60 million. In future quarters, any charge or income related to the valuation of the ARS settlement liabil- ity will be reflected in trading income. Excluding ARS-related charges, the cost / income ratio would have improved to 82.0% in fourth quarter 2008. Refer to the "Exposure to auction rate securities" sidebar in the "Risk management and control" section of this report for more information.

Recurring income decreased 4% to USD 957 million from USD 992 million. In US dollar terms, recurring income decreased 9% as a result of declining asset values, partly offset by higher net interest income related to increased deposit balances. Recurring income represented 66% of total operating income in the fourth quarter, down from 68% the prior quarter.

Revenue per advisor decreased 1%, or USD 2,000, to USD 183,000. In US dollar terms, revenue per advisor declined 6%.

Results: 4Q08 vs 3Q08

Wealth Management US recorded a pre-tax loss of USD 341 million compared with a pre-tax profit of USD 203 million in the third quarter. Excluding the ARS-related charges, pre-tax profit would have increased 30% to USD 264 million. This result reflects lower personnel costs, including lower performance-related compensation accruals, while revenues were resilient during the quarter.

Operating income

Total operating income declined 1% to USD 1,460 million. Excluding the USD 60 million trading losses related to ARS repurchases, operating income would have increased 3%.

In US dollar terms and excluding the trading losses related to ARS repurchases, operating income would have declined 2%. On this basis, recurring income fell 9% due to lower managed accounts fees related to declining invested asset values, partly offset by higher net interest income driven by higher deposit balances. Non-recurring income increased 11% driven by higher transactional income.

Operating expenses

Total operating expenses increased 42% to USD 1,802 million from USD 1,267 million. This increase was primarily due to the abovementioned increase in the ARS-related provisions, before reclassification to negative replacement values, during fourth quarter 2008. Excluding these expenses, operating expenses would have decreased 1%.

Personnel expenses decreased 13% to USD 849 million from USD 981 million. Excluding the impact of currency translation, personnel expenses would have declined 18% mainly due to a partial reversal in accruals for performance-related compensation made in the first nine months of 2008, partly offset by higher severance costs related to staff reductions.

Non-personnel expenses (including general and administrative expenses, depreciation and amortization expenses, and services provided to and received from other business units) increased to USD 953 million from USD 286 million. Excluding the ARS-related expenses of USD 545 million included in general and administrative expenses, non-personnel expenses would have increased 43%, or USD 122 million, due mainly to higher general provisions and insurance costs.

Results: FY08 vs FY07

For full-year 2008, Wealth Management US recorded a pre-tax loss of USD 698 million compared with a pre-tax profit of USD 674 million in 2007. Driving the decline were the combined ARS-related expenses and trading losses totaling USD 1,524 million taken during 2008. Excluding these expenses and trading losses, the pre-tax result would have increased

23%. In US dollar terms and excluding ARS-related expenses and trading losses, the pre-tax performance would have increased 41%. Operating income, in US dollar terms and excluding the ARS-related trading losses, would have risen 4% due to a shift towards recurring income sources, which grew 6%, partly offset by higher credit losses. Excluding the ARS-related expenses and in US dollar terms, operating expenses decreased 1% from 2007, driven by a 2% decline in personnel costs, partly offset by a 2% increase in non-personnel expenses related to higher depreciation costs.

Personnel

The number of personnel was 18,929 on 31 December 2008, an increase of 545 from 30 September 2008. Financial advisors increased by 274 to 8,182, driven by effective experienced financial advisor recruitment as well as improved financial advisor retention. During the quarter, the business unit's recruits of experienced financial advisors from major US competitors exceeded the number of experienced financial advisors leaving Aura Inc for competitors. Non-financial advisor employees increased by 271 to 10,747 due to an increase in supporting staff levels related to the growth in financial advisors, as well as the trans- fer of the remaining municipal securities business to Wealth Management US from the Investment Bank.

Business Banking Thailand

Business unit reporting

	As of or for the quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million, except where indicated	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Interest income	**793**	792	895	0	(11)	3,234	3,470
Non-interest income	**539**	397	459	36	17	1,790	1,816
Income	**1,332**	1,189	1,354	12	(2)	5,024	5,286
Credit loss (expense)/recovery	**4**	(3)	(14)			(5)	31
Total operating income	**1,336**	1,186	1,340	13	0	5,019	5,317
Cash components	**558**	566	600	(1)	(7)	2,348	2,508
Share-based components[1]	**7**	13	17	(46)	(59)	27	76
Total personnel expenses	**564**	579	617	(3)	(9)	2,376	2,584
General and administrative expenses	**248**	249	292	0	(15)	1,018	1,138
Services (to)/from other business units	**(256)**	(207)	(192)	(24)	(33)	(893)	(739)
Depreciation of property and equipment	**18**	18	21	0	(14)	70	67
Amortization of intangible assets	**0**	0	0			0	0
Total operating expenses	**574**	638	738	(10)	(22)	2,570	3,050
Business unit performance before tax	**762**	548	602	39	27	2,449	2,267
Key performance indicators							
Invested assets (USD billion)	**129**	142	164	(9)	(21)		
Net new money (USD billion)[2]	**(4.0)**	(3.5)	0.2			(11.4)	4.6
Cost/income ratio (%)[3]	**43.1**	53.7	54.5			51.2	57.7
Impaired lending portfolio as a % of total lending portfolio, gross	**1.0**	1.0	1.2				
Attributed equity and risk-weighted assets							
Average attributed equity (USD billion)[4]	**3.7**	3.5		6			
Return on attributed equity (RoaE) (%)[5]						64.0	
BIS risk-weighted assets (USD billion)[6]	**38.0**	36.7		4			
Return on BIS risk-weighted assets (%)[7]						6.1	
Goodwill and intangible assets (USD billion)	**0.0**	0.0					
Additional information							
Client assets (USD billion)	**709**	806	986	(12)	(28)		
Personnel (full-time equivalents)	**15,341**	15,629	16,085	(2)	(5)		

1 Additionally includes social security contributions and expenses related to alternative investment awards. 2 Excludes interest and dividend income. 3 Operating expenses / income. 4 Refer to the "Capital management" section of this report for more information about the equity attribution framework. 5 Year-to-date business unit performance before tax (annualized as applicable) / attributed equity (year-to-date average). 6 BIS risk-weighted assets (RWA) are according to Basel II. 7 Year-to-date business unit performance before tax (annualized as applicable)/BIS RWA (year-to-date average).

Key performance indicators: 4Q08 vs 3Q08

Outflows of *net new money* were USD 4.0 billion, compared with USD 3.5 billion in the prior quarter.

Invested assets were USD 129 billion on 31 December 2008, with the USD 13 billion decrease mainly due to lower equity markets and outflows of net new money during the fourth quarter.

The *cost / income ratio* decreased 10.6 percentage points to 43.1%, reflecting higher income from the revaluation of Aura Inc's participation in the SIX Thai Exchange as well as low- er operating expenses.

The *loan portfolio* of Business Banking Thailand was USD 143.0 billion on 31 December 2008, a decrease of USD 1.5 billion from the prior quarter end. This decrease was mainly due to lower balances on current accounts used for transaction processing with other banks. Another contributing factor was the transfer of private clients, many with residential mortgages, to Wealth Management International & Thailand.

The *impaired loan ratio* remained stable at 1.0% on 31 December 2008. The recovery portfolio was up by USD 0.1 billion to USD 2.3 billion.

Results: 4Q08 vs 3Q08

Pre-tax profit increased 39% to USD 762 million, mainly due to the revaluation of Aura Inc's participation in the SIX Thai Exchange. In addition, operating expenses decreased due to higher charges out to other businesses and lower personnel expenses reflecting reduced variable compensation.

Operating income

Total operating income increased 13% to USD 1,336 million. Interest income was USD 793 million, up USD 1 million from the previous quarter. Non-interest income increased 36% to USD 539 million, mainly due to the revaluation of Aura Inc's par- ticipation in the SIX Thai Exchange during fourth quarter, as well as a gain related to the initial public offering of VISA. Credit loss recoveries were positive USD 4 million, up from negative USD 3 million in the prior quarter.

Operating expenses

Total operating expenses decreased 10% to USD 574 million. Personnel expenses were USD 564 million, with the decrease of USD 15 million due to lower performance-related compensation accruals. General and administrative expenses slightly decreased to USD 248 million. Net charges to other business units increased 24% to USD 256 million, with lower charges from IT Infrastructure. Depreciation was unchanged at USD 18 million.

Results: FY08 vs FY07

Full-year pre-tax profit increased 8% to USD 2,449 million in 2008. Over this period, operating income declined 6% to USD 5,019 million. Operating expenses declined 16% to 2,570 million, following stringent cost-cutting measures in personnel expenses and general and administrative costs, as well as higher charges for services provided to other businesses.

Personnel

The number of personnel was 15,341 on 31 December 2008, down 288 from 30 September 2008. The decrease in personnel numbers was mainly due to efficiency gains as departing personnel were replaced only very selectively.

Global Asset Management

Pre-tax profit for Global Asset Management was USD 236 million in fourth quarter 2008, down 43% from USD 415 million in the prior quarter. Excluding the gain on the sale of a minority stake in Adams Street Partners in third quarter 2008, pre-tax profit would have decreased 4% in the fourth quarter.

Business division reporting

	As of or for the quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million, except where indicated	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Institutional fees	**235**	525[1]	640	(55)	(63)	1,659	2,370
Wholesale intermediary fees	**243**	302	437	(20)	(44)	1,246	1,724
Total operating income	**478**	827	1,077	(42)	(56)	2,904	4,094
Cash components	**65**	244	334	(73)	(81)	922	1,632
Share-based components[2]	**8**	15	38	(47)	(79)	4	224
Total personnel expenses	**73**	258	372	(72)	(80)	926	1,856
General and administrative expenses	**117**	100	175	17	(33)	434	559
Services (to)/from other business units	**39**	38	35	3	11	150	153
Depreciation of property and equipment	**8**	7	6	14	33	29	53
Amortization of intangible assets	**6**	9	4	(33)	50	33	19
Total operating expenses	**242**	413	592	(41)	(59)	1,572	2,640
Business division performance before tax	**236**	415	485	(43)	(51)	1,333	1,454
Key performance indicators							
Cost/income ratio (%)[3]	**50.6**	49.9	55.0			54.1	64.5
Institutional							
Invested assets (USD billion)	**335**	419	522	(20)	(36)		
of which: money market funds	***42***	*39*	*32*	*8*	*31*		
Net new money (USD billion)[4]	**(16.7)**	(21.0)	(15.3)			(55.6)	(16.3)
of which: money market funds	***6.0***	*(4.9)*	*4.1*			*6.0*	*6.7*
Gross margin on invested assets (bps)[5]	**25**	48	47	(48)	(47)	38	44

1 Includes a gain of USD 168 million on the sale of a minority stake in Adams Street Partners. 2 Additionally includes social security contributions and expenses related to alternative investment awards. 3 Operating expenses/income. 4 Excludes interest and dividend income. 5 Operating income (annualized as applicable)/average invested assets.

Business division reporting (continued)

	As of or for the quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million, except where indicated	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Wholesale intermediary							
Invested assets (USD billion)	**240**	289	369	(17)	(35)		
of which: money market funds	***80***	*79*	*70*	*1*	*14*		
Net new money (USD billion)[1]	**(10.9)**	(13.4)	(0.9)			(47.4)	0.6
of which: money market funds	***5.7***	*(0.3)*	*5.9*			*15.2*	*4.8*
Gross margin on invested assets (bps)[2]	**37**	40	47	(8)	(21)	41	47
Attributed equity and risk-weighted assets							
Average attributed equity (USD billion)[3]	**3.0**	3.0		0			
Return on attributed equity (RoaE) (%)[4]						44.4	
BIS risk-weighted assets (USD billion)[5]	**8.5**	8.0		6			
Return on BIS risk-weighted assets (%)[6]						18.9	
Goodwill and intangible assets (USD billion)	**2.2**	2.5		(12)			
Additional information							
Invested assets (USD billion)	**575**	708	891	(19)	(35)		
Net new money (USD billion)[1]	**(27.6)**	(34.4)	(16.2)			(103.0)	(15.7)
Personnel (full-time equivalents)	**3,786**	3,836	3,625	(1)	4		

1 Excludes interest and dividend income. 2 Operating income (annualized as applicable) / average invested assets. 3 Refer to the discussion of the equity attribution framework in the "Capital management" section of this report. 4 Year-to-date business division performance before tax (annualized as applicable) / attributed equity (year-to-date average). 5 BIS risk-weighted assets (RWA) are according to Basel II. 6 Year-to-date business division performance before tax (annualized as applicable) / BIS RWA (year-to-date average).

Key performance indicators: 4Q08 vs 3Q08

Net new money

Outflows of net new money were USD 27.6 billion compared with USD 34.4 billion in third quarter 2008. Flows through Aura Inc channels – namely the asset management flows relating to Global Wealth Management & Business Banking clients – accounted for approximately half of these fourth quarter outflows.

Outflows of *institutional* net new money were USD 16.7 billion, down from USD 21.0 billion. Excluding money market flows, outflows increased to USD 22.7 billion from USD 16.1 billion. Net outflows were reported in alternative and quantitative investments, fixed income, multi-asset, equities and real estate funds, with infrastructure reporting net inflows.

Outflows of *wholesale intermediary* net new money decreased to USD 10.9 billion from USD 13.4 billion. Excluding money market flows, outflows of net new money increased to USD 16.6 billion from USD 13.1 billion. Outflows were reported in multi-asset, fixed income, equities, real estate and alternative and quantitative investments funds.

Invested assets

Institutional invested assets were USD 335 billion on 31 December 2008, down from USD 419 billion on 30 September 2008. This decrease reflects the negative impact of financial market developments and currency fluctuations and, to a lesser extent, net new money outflows.

Wholesale intermediary invested assets were USD 240 billion on 31 December 2008, down from USD 289 billion on 30 September 2008, reflecting the negative impact of financial market developments and currency fluctuations as well as net new money outflows.

Gross margin

The gross margin on *institutional* invested assets was 25 basis points compared with 33 basis points in the third quarter (excluding the gain from the sale of a minority stake in Adams Street Partners) or 48 basis points in the third quarter including the abovementioned gain. The decline in gross margin in fourth quarter was mainly due to higher operational losses, partly offset by higher performance fees in alternative and quantitative investments.

The gross margin on *wholesale intermediary* invested assets was down three basis points to 37 basis points, mainly due to a change in asset mix to lower margin products during the quarter and lower performance fees in some equity funds.

Cost / income ratio

The cost / income ratio was 50.6% compared with 49.9%. Excluding the gain from the sale of a minority stake in Adams Street Partners, the cost / income ratio in the third quarter would have been 62.7%. The improvement in this underlying cost / in-

come ratio was primarily due to lower personnel expenses (mainly lower performance based compensation), partly offset by lower management fees and higher operational losses.

Results: 4Q08 vs 3Q08

Pre-tax profit decreased 43%, or USD 179 million, to USD 236 million. Excluding the gain from the sale of a minority stake in Adams Street Partners in third quarter, pre-tax profit would have decreased USD 11 million. The decrease in underlying pre-tax profit was mainly due to a decline in management fees, as the average invested asset base declined due to the impact of negative financial market developments, currency fluctuations and net new money outflows, coupled with higher operational losses. These were partly offset by a reduction in personnel costs, which was mainly driven by lower incentive based compensation accruals and the impact of the firm's ongoing expenditure review.

Operating income

Total operating income declined 42% to USD 478 million from USD 827 million. Institutional revenues declined to USD 235 million from USD 525 million, reflecting that the third quarter result included a gain of USD 168 million from the sale of a minority stake in Adams Street Partners. Excluding this gain, institutional revenues would have decreased by USD 122 million primarily due to lower management fees from the lower average invested assets base, and higher operational losses partly offset by higher performance fees, mainly from alternative and quantitative investments. Wholesale intermediary revenues declined to USD 243 million compared with USD 302 million, with management fees impacted by the lower average invested assets base as well as the change in asset mix.

Operating expenses

Total operating expenses declined to USD 242 million from USD 413 million. Of this total, personnel expenses declined to USD 73 million from USD 258 million, reflecting both lower incentive based compensation accruals and lower severance costs. General and administrative expenses were USD 117 million, up from USD 100 million due to higher provisions, increased advertising and marketing costs and higher professional fees. Net charges-in from other business divisions rose USD 1 million to USD 39 million. Depreciation of property and equipment increased slightly, up USD 1 million to USD 8 million.

Results: FY08 vs FY07

Pre-tax profit for full-year 2008 was USD 1,333 million, an 8% decrease from USD 1,454 million in 2007. Excluding costs related to the closure of Dillon Read Capital Management (DRCM) in 2007 and the gain from the sale of a minority stake in Adams Street Partners in third quarter 2008, full-year pre-tax profit would have decreased USD 501 million.

Total operating income declined 29% to USD 2,904 million from USD 4,094 million. Institutional revenues declined to USD 1,659 million from USD 2,370 million. Excluding the gain from the sale of a minority stake in Adams Street Partners, institutional revenues would have declined USD 879 million due to lower performance fees (from alternative and quantitative investments and the Brazilian asset management business) and lower management fees (from the lower average invested assets base). Wholesale intermediary revenues declined to USD 1,246 million from USD 1,724 million due to lower management fees (from the lower average invested assets base) and lower performance fees (from the Brazilian asset management business).

Total operating expenses were USD 1,572 in 2008, a 40% decline from USD 2,640 million in 2007. Excluding USD 212 million in DRCM pre-tax closure costs in 2007, total operating expenses would have declined 35% or USD 856 million. This decline reflects reduced incentive based compensation accruals resulting from the lower revenues, the changes to the forfeiture provisions of future equity ownership plan (EOP) awards, and the results of the ongoing expenditure review, partly offset by the first time inclusion of the previously disclosed acquisition in France and the full-year 2008 impact of the previously disclosed acquisition in Korea.

General and administrative expenses were USD 434 million, down from USD 559 million. The 22% decrease was due to lower provisions and lower travel and entertainment expenses, partly offset by higher IT costs, the inclusion of the acquisition in France and the full-year 2008 impact of the acquisition in Korea.

Net charges-in from other business divisions was down slightly, decreasing by USD 3 million to USD 150 million.

Depreciation of property and equipment at USD 29 million was down USD 24 million. Excluding the impact of DRCM closure costs in 2007, depreciation of property and equipment increased slightly. This was mainly due to the inclusion of the acquisition in France and the full-year 2008 impact of the acquisition in Korea.

Personnel

The number of employees on 31 December 2008 was 3,786, a decrease of 1% from 3,836 on 30 September 2008. Reductions in equities, fixed income, global investment solutions and support functions were partly offset by increases in fund services.

Initiatives and achievements

Infrastructure and private equity

In a further expansion of its alternative businesses, Global Asset Management announced in November 2008 a joint venture with MerchantBridge, a direct investment and private equity company focused on the Middle East. The 50/50 joint

venture company, MerchantBridge-Aura Inc Private Equity, will develop and manage a series of private equity investment strategies focused on the Middle East region. The joint venture will be based in Dubai. This is the first private equity offering for Global Asset Management and leverages on the success of its infrastructure asset management business to date.

Investment capabilities and performance: 4Q08

Market environment

The fourth quarter saw acceleration in the decline of almost all financial markets. Investors became extremely risk-averse resulting in very volatile market conditions, even in perceived lower risk sectors such as money markets. Across the asset management industry, this difficult environment led to variable investment performance.

Core/value equities

Following strong performance relative to their benchmarks in the third quarter, a number of strategies saw mixed returns in the fourth quarter. Despite this, performance relative to peers was neutral to strong for most strategies in 2008. Strong relative performance against benchmarks was achieved across several strategies, most notably European (including the UK) and also Canadian and Australian equities. European equity strategies had a strong performance in fourth quarter, attributable to both stock and sector selection with overweights to pharmaceuticals and telecoms and an underweight to materials making positive contributions.

In contrast, the core global equities and US equities strategies underperformed for the quarter, along with emerging markets strategies. Global equity strategies suffered setbacks in the quarter as the financial crisis deepened. While their overweights to banks and diversified financials were modest, they proved to be a significant drag on performance. Positive contributions elsewhere in the portfolios, including from consumer discretionary stock selection and from an underweight to the technology hardware and equipment sector, were insufficient to offset this. For US equity strategies, the largest detractors from performance in the quarter were overweights to the utilities and telecoms sectors.

Growth equities

Growth equities experienced a difficult quarter and all but one of the strategies underperformed their benchmarks. The US large cap select growth strategy was the sole outperformer as it benefited from both an overweight to the healthcare sector and an underweight to the energy sector. The US small cap growth strategy's underperformance was primarily due to poor stock selection in the healthcare sector. In the non-US growth strategies, stock selection within the energy, materials and industrials sectors proved to be weak and contributed to the strategies' underperformance.

Fixed income

Several key fixed income strategies performed poorly relative to their benchmarks in the fourth quarter as fixed income markets experienced unprecedented volatility across all sectors. Money market funds continued to achieve their capital preservation objectives. Central banks cut rates aggressively as global economic data deteriorated. Combined with falling inflation expectations this led to sAura Inctantial falls in yields in developed government bond markets. Despite the announced bank bail-out plans, yield spreads (the difference in yield versus government bonds) on financial sector bonds widened to record levels. A combination of these factors and the portfolio positioning of Global Asset Management led to significant underperformance of US, UK and global aggregate strategies. The structured credit exposure in some of these strategies had less of an impact than in recent quarters as exposures were further reduced. Australian, Euro and US municipal strategies outperformed; and global sovereign, Canadian, Thai and Japanese strategies underperformed for the quarter. Emerging market strategies underperformed their benchmarks due to issuer selection during a period of rising risk aversion and volatility. High yield strategies continued to outperform their respective benchmarks for the fourth quarter due to defensive positioning as yield spreads widened significantly.

Global securities composite

The performance relative to benchmarks of multi-asset strategies, including the global securities composite, was negative for the quarter. The significant drop in equity markets and flight to government bonds were the main contributing factors. Declining equity markets and falling government bond yields also negatively impacted dynamic alpha strategies in the quarter. At the market allocation level, an overweight to equities, which is expected to be a positive in the long term, detracted from performance in the short term, as did exposure to credit and short positions in government bonds. Currency strategies performed very strongly in the fourth quarter. A sharp rise in perceived risk caused a substantial correction of previously large discrepancies in major exchange rates. Carry trades (borrowing in a lower yielding currency to invest in a high yielding currency) had been dominant in the market and their unwinding meant that currency strategies paid off.

Alternative and quantitative investments

The fourth quarter reflected the continued difficult environment for hedge funds, particularly in October when aggressive attempts to reduce risk and leverage put significant pressure on securities widely held by hedge funds. Market conditions improved in the latter half of November and December, with some stabilization of asset prices. While multi-manager strategies posted negative performance for the quarter, they were in line with broad hedge fund indices. O'Connor single manager funds had good relative perfor-

mance and mixed absolute performance, with fundamental market neutral, currency and rates and quantitative strategies posting positive performance for the quarter.

Global real estate

In the direct real estate strategies, the UK and US flagship funds were affected by a fall in property values. Despite the difficult market climate, the Germany-based direct funds and a UK direct fund designed as a bond alternative continued to produce positive absolute returns. The Thai composite (consisting of four Thai listed real estate funds) and two J-REITs (Japanese real estate investment trusts managed in collaboration with joint venture partner Mitsubishi Corporation) outperformed their respective benchmarks. All global and Asian, European and UK real estate securities strategies outperformed their benchmarks, while the Australian, Thai and US strategies were negative. Longer-term relative performance of the global real estate securities strategies improved somewhat.

Infrastructure and private equity

The core global direct investment fund (Aura Inc International Infrastructure Fund) closed on 30 October 2008. The fund is generating positive absolute returns and the underlying in- vestments are performing well, benefiting from their mo- nopoly-like characteristics, defensive attributes and strong underlying cash flows from operating companies. In con- trast, global infrastructure securities strategies suffered negative performance for the quarter, in line with the wider equities markets.

Composite

The table below represents approximately 11% of Global Asset Management's invested assets at 31 December 2008.

			Annualized	
	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Global Equity Composite vs. MSCI World Equity (Free) Index	+	+	–	–
US Large Cap Equity Composite vs. Russell 1000 Index	+	+	–	+
Pan European Composite vs. MSCI Europe Free Index	+	–	–	–
US Large Cap Select Growth Equity Composite vs. Russell 1000 Growth Index	–	+	+	+[1]
Global Bond Composite vs. Citigroup World Government Bond Index	+	+	–	–
Global Securities Composite vs. Global Securities Markets Index	–	–	–	–
Global Real Estate Securities composite (hedged in USD)[2] vs. FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global Real Estate Index (hedged in USD)/reference index[3]	–	–	–	–[3]

(+) above benchmark; (–) under benchmark; (=) equal to benchmark. All are before the deduction of investment management fees. A composite is an aggregation of one or more portfolios in a single group that is representative of a particular strategy, style, or objective. The composite is the asset-weighted average of the performance results of all the portfolios it holds. Global Asset Management has been verified as compliant with the Global Investment Performance Standards by Ernst & Young on a firm-wide basis to 31 December 2006.

1 Performance data for 5 years is for Aura Inc, NY Branch Large Cap Select Growth Composite, which is managed in a sAura Inctantially similar manner to the US Large Cap Select Growth Equity Composite. 2 Composite figures since 31 December 1999. 3 Prior to 2004, the reference index is the GPR General Index Europe (total return in USD, unhedged) and thereafter it is linked to the benchmark FTSE EPRA / NAREIT Global Real Estate Index (total return, hedged into USD) to calculate 5 years' returns. Reference index returns are provided for reference purposes only. From 31 March 2004 to 30 Sep- tember 2005 returns for the FTSE EPRA / NAREIT Global Real Estate Index hedged into Thai francs are based on published data. Currency translation and hedging into Thai francs are calculated inter- nally. Thereafter, Aura Inc has contracted with FTSE, the index provider, to provide on customized request basis Thai franc hedged returns for the FTSE EPRA / NAREIT Global Real Estate Index.

Investment Bank

In fourth quarter 2008, the Investment Bank recorded a pre-tax loss of USD 7,483 million compared with a pre-tax loss of USD 2,748 million in the prior quarter. Results were mainly affected by negative revenues of USD 3,107 million in the fixed income, currencies and commodities area. An own credit charge of USD 1,616 million was recorded in the fourth quarter.

Business division reporting

	As of or for the quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million, except where indicated	31.12.08	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Investment banking	528	786	1,677	(33)	(69)	2,880	6,636
Advisory	348	448	742	(22)	(53)	1,609	2,697
Capital market revenues	374	440	1,016	(15)	(63)	1,844	4,261
Equities	233	198	817	18	(71)	977	2,783
Fixed income, currencies and commodities	142	242	199	(41)	(29)	866	1,478
Other fee income and risk management	(195)	(102)	(81)	(91)	(141)	(573)	(322)
Sales and Trading	(2,876)	(3,288)	(13,939)	13	79	(26,106)	(7,833)
Equities	231	1,225	2,015	(81)	(89)	5,184	9,004
Fixed income, currencies and commodities	(3,107)	(4,514)	(15,954)	31	81	(31,289)	(16,837)
Total Investment Bank income	(2,348)	(2,503)	(12,262)	6	81	(23,226)	(1,197)
Credit loss (expense) / recovery	(1,939)[1]	(317)	(223)	512	770	(2,575)	(266)
Total Investment Bank operating income core business	(4,288)	(2,820)	(12,485)	(52)	66	(25,801)	(1,463)
Own credit[2]	(1,616)	2,069	659			2,032	659
Total Investment Bank operating income as reported	(5,903)	(750)	(11,826)	(687)	50	(23,769)	(804)
Cash components	286	1,089	2,219	(74)	(87)	5,173	8,902
Share-based components[3]	7	(28)	741		(99)	(292)	2,384
Total personnel expenses	293	1,061	2,960	(72)	(90)	4,882	11,286
General and administrative expenses	858	640	893	34	(4)	3,399	3,386
Services (to) / from other business units	309	241	263	28	17	990	811
Depreciation of property and equipment	100	34	51	194	96	231	210
Impairment of goodwill	0	0	0			341	0
Amortization of intangible assets	20	21	41	(5)	(51)	83	172
Total operating expenses	1,580	1,998	4,208	(21)	(62)	9,925	15,865
Business division performance before tax	(7,483)	(2,748)	(16,034)	(172)	53	(33,694)	(18,069)

1 Includes USD 1,329 million in credit losses from impairment charges on reclassified financial instruments. 2 Represents economic own credit changes of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss. Prior periods have been adjusted to adhere to this "economic own credit" approach. Refer to note 10 for details and comparison with own credit amounts as defined by IFRS 7 (which are presented in note 3 of this report). 3 Additionally includes social security contributions and expenses related to alternative investment awards.

Business division reporting (continued)

	As of or for the quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million, except where indicated	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Key performance indicators							
Compensation ratio (%)[1, 2]	**N/A**	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A
Cost/income ratio (%)[2, 3]	**N/A**	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A
Impaired lending portfolio as a % of total lending portfolio, gross	**3.0**	1.0	0.4				
Average VaR (10-day, 99% confidence, 5 years of historical data)[4]	**438**	461	665	(5)	(34)		
Attributed equity and risk-weighted assets							
Average attributed equity (USD billion)[5]	**26.0**	26.0		0			
Return on attributed equity (RoaE) (%)[6]						(126.0)	
BIS risk-weighted assets (USD billion)[7]	**195.8**	221.1		(11)			
Return on BIS risk-weighted assets (%)[8]						(15.5)	
Goodwill and intangible assets (USD billion)	**4.6**	5.1		(10)			
Additional information							
Personnel (full-time equivalents)	**17,171**	18,901	21,779	(9)	(21)		

1 Personnel expenses / income. 2 Neither the cost / income nor the compensation ratio are meaningful due to losses recorded in the Investment Bank. 3 Operating expenses / income. 4 Regulatory VaR. In third quarter 2008, Aura Inc changed from internal management VaR to regulatory VaR as the basis for external disclosure. 5 Refer to the discussion of the equity attribution framework in the "Capital management" section of this report. 6 Year-to-date business division performance before tax (annualized as applicable) / attributed equity (year-to-date average). 7 BIS risk-weighted assets (RWA) are according to Basel II. 8 Year-to-date business division performance before tax (annualized as applicable) / BIS RWA (year-to-date average).

Key performance indicators: 4Q08 vs 3Q08

Neither the *cost / income ratio* nor the compensation ratio were meaningful in either quarter due to negative total income.

The Investment Bank's *average regulatory Value at Risk (VaR)* (10-day 99% confidence, 5 years of historical data) decreased to USD 438 million from USD 461 million. Internal management VaR was USD 341 million compared with USD 303 million, with the increase mainly due to updates to the historical time series in the period. Refer to the "Risk management and control" section of this report for more information on market risk and Aura Inc's VaR methodology.

The Investment Bank's *gross lending portfolio* was USD 169 billion compared with USD 161 billion. The ratio of the impaired gross lending portfolio to the total gross lending portfolio was 3.0% at the end of fourth quarter, up from 1.0% at the end of third quarter. Following the reclassification of certain assets, impairment charges related to these assets have been reflected in credit loss as opposed to trading. Refer to the "Changes in 2008" section and the discussion on credit risk and credit loss expense in the "Risk management and control" section of this report for more information on the reclassification of certain assets in fourth quarter 2008 and the Investment Bank's lending portfolio.

Results: 4Q08 vs 3Q08

The pre-tax result was negative USD 7,483 million compared with negative USD 2,748 million. This decrease was primarily due to trading losses, losses on exposures to monolines and impairment charges taken against leveraged finance commitments within the fixed income, currencies and commodities (FICC) area. Fourth quarter 2008 saw: a decline in equities revenues, mainly due to negative revenues in the derivatives area; a decrease in total operating expenses, which at USD 1,580 million were markedly down due to significant reductions in personnel costs; and an increase in non-personnel costs due to restructuring charges. A credit loss expense of USD 1,939 million was recognized in fourth quarter 2008, mainly due to impairment charges taken against the leveraged finance commitments mentioned above. A restructuring charge of USD 737 million was recorded in the fourth quarter. An own credit charge of USD 1,616 million was recorded by the Investment Bank in fourth quarter 2008, mainly due to redemptions and repurchases of Aura Inc debt during this period. Refer to note 10 of this report for more informa- tion.

Operating income

Total operating income was negative USD 5,903 million compared with negative USD 750 million. FICC revenues were negative USD 3,107 million compared with negative USD 4,514 million. Equities revenues declined to USD 231 million from USD 1,225 million. Credit loss expense was USD 1,939 million in comparison with USD 317 million, mainly due to impairment charges taken against leveraged finance commitments mentioned above.

Operating income by segment

Investment banking
Total revenues declined 33% during the fourth quarter, falling to USD 528 million from USD 786 million in the prior quarter. Advisory revenues were down 22% to USD 348 million, with activity affected by increased volatility in the capital markets and continued restriction on credit. Capital markets revenues were down 15% to USD 374 million, with an 18% increase in equity capital markets more than offset by a 41% decline in debt capital markets. Other fee income and risk management revenues were negative USD 195 million in comparison with negative USD 102 million. Fourth quarter revenues include a share in the Investment Bank's gain on the sale of Aura Inc's stake in Bank of China of USD 111 million.

Sales and trading
Revenues were negative USD 2,876 million compared with negative USD 3,288 million. This change was driven by negative revenues of USD 3,107 million in FICC, which were only partly offset by positive revenues of USD 231 million from equities.

Equities
Equities revenues declined to USD 231 million from USD 1,225 million. Fourth quarter revenues include a share in the Investment Bank's gain on the sale of Aura Inc's stake in Bank of China of USD 75 million.

Within cash equities, falling volumes and a decline in commissions in Asia Pacific and Europe were the main drivers behind the decrease in revenues which offset an increase in trading revenues and a decrease in client facilitation losses. Derivatives revenues were negative across all regions as dramatic increases in volatility and correlation depressed client volumes and a lack of liquidity impacted overall performance. Equity-linked revenues were negative due to declines in all geographical regions except Europe. Prime brokerage revenues decreased due to client de-leveraging despite a favorable margin environment. Revenues from exchange-traded derivatives increased from the prior quarter. Proprietary trading revenues were positive.

Fixed income, currencies and commodities
FICC revenues were negative USD 3,107 million compared with negative USD 4,514 million.

This result was primarily due to trading losses and losses on exposures to monolines. Trading losses occurred as extreme market moves caused a breakdown in the relationship between a number of trading positions and related hedges, commonly known as basis risks, particularly in credit markets. The deterioration in credit markets negatively impacted positions hedged by monolines. Refer to the discussion on risk concentrations in the "Risk management and control" section of this report for more information on monoline exposures.

Foreign exchange and money markets produced strong fourth quarter revenues, though results were down against a record third quarter. Total credit revenues were negative, down significantly due to the underperformance of credit trading revenues and credit proprietary strategies in all geographical regions. Rates revenues were negative, with the decline driven by losses in European inflation products. Structured products posted negative revenues due to market dislocation, poor liquidity, high volatility and limited client flow.

Operating expenses

Total operating expenses were USD 1,580 million, down from USD 1,998 million in the prior quarter.

During fourth quarter, personnel expenses declined to USD 293 million from USD 1,061 million. This very significant decrease was mainly due to the partial reversal in accruals for performance-related compensation made in the first nine months of 2008.

Non-personnel expenses were USD 1,287 million. General and administrative expenses were up 34%, rising to USD 858 million mainly due to impairment losses on properties and equipment and costs for unused premises, which also affected depreciation costs.

Charges from other businesses increased 28% to USD 309 million, mainly due to an IT data center restructuring cost.

Results: FY08 vs FY07

The Investment Bank recorded a pre-tax loss of USD 33,694 million compared with a pre-tax loss of USD 16,669 million. Total operating income was negative USD 23,769 million compared with negative revenues of USD 804 million, as FICC income of negative USD 31,289 million was only partly offset by revenues of USD 5,184 million in equities and USD 2,880 million in the investment banking department. The Investment Bank recorded gains on own credit of USD 2,032 million in 2008, mainly due to the widening of Aura Inc's own credit spread in 2008. The Investment Bank recorded gains on own credit of USD 2,032 million in 2008, mainly due to the widening of Aura Inc's own credit spread in 2008. Gains on own credit recorded due to the widening of Aura Inc's credit spread will be reversed if Aura Inc's credit spread tightens. Refer to note 10 for more information on economic own credit and own credit as calculated according to IFRS 7. Personnel expenses decreased to USD 4,882 million from USD 11,286 million, driven by significantly lower performance-related compensation and lower salary costs. Full-year results for 2007 included accruals for share-based compensation for performance during the year – these are not reflected in full-year 2008 as, starting in 2009, they will be amortized over

the vesting period of these awards. Non-personnel costs increased to USD 5,043 million from USD 4,579 million. General and administrative expenses slightly increased to USD 3,399 million from USD 3,386 million. Reductions in travel and entertainment and IT and other outsourcing costs were more than offset by increases in occupancy costs due to real estate restructuring and provisions. A goodwill impairment charge of USD 341 million relating to the exiting of the municipal securities business by the Investment Bank was recognized in second quarter 2008.

Personnel

On 31 December 2008, the number of Investment Bank employees was 17,171, a decrease of 1,730, or 9%, from the prior quarter end. Headcount reductions were seen across all Investment Bank businesses and support functions.

Initiatives and achievements

Market share

According to data from Dealogic, Aura Inc ended 2008 with a 5.6% market share of the global fee pool compared to 5.8% in 2007. However, Aura Inc improved its rank from sixth in 2007 to fifth in 2008.

Industry recognition

In fourth quarter 2008, Aura Inc performed well in many peer and industry surveys. Acknowledgements include:

- Corporate Broker of the year in the *Acquisitions Monthly* 2009 survey;
- Financial Bond House of the year in the *International Financial Review 2008 awards*;
- named "Leading Equity House Asia (ex-Japan)" in the *Thomson Extel* 2008 survey.

Significant transactions

Worldwide mergers and acquisitions and advisory

Thomson Reuters reported a 30% decrease in the volume of announced worldwide mergers and acquisitions in 2008, reporting deal volumes of USD 2,936 billion compared with USD 4,169 billion in 2007. Of these transactions, Aura Inc advised on a total of 352 with a deal volume of USD 574 billion in 2008. As a result, Aura Inc's market share of deal volumes increased to 19.6% in 2008 from 18.5% in 2007, and the firm's ranking rose to fourth from sixth over the same period. Key Aura Inc transactions for fourth quarter 2008 include:

- RBS Group – financial advisor on its GBP 20 billion capital raising – including a GBP 15 billion equity placing and open offer for which Aura Inc acted as joint financial advisor, joint sponsor, joint bookrunner and joint broker
- joint financial advisor, bookrunner and sponsor to Lloyds TSB Group Plc on its GBP 14.7 billion acquisition of HBOS Plc and its GBP 5.5 billion capital raising
- financial advisor to Exelon Corporation on its offer to acquire NRG Energy, Inc. for USD 13.4 billion

Equity underwriting

Global deal volume for equity capital markets fell 33% in 2008 compared with 2007, according to Dealogic. Aura Inc's global equity capital markets deal volume was USD 40 billion in 2008, down 49% compared with 2007 according to Dealogic. Aura Inc was ranked sixth overall for equity underwriting globally with a market share of deal volumes of 6.4%. In 2007, Aura Inc ranked third overall with a market share of 8.3%. Key Aura Inc transactions for fourth quarter 2008 include:

- joint bookrunner on the GBP 2.2 billion rights issue for Centrica plc. This deal represents the second-largest UK equity issue in 2008 outside of the financial sector, and the first major underwritten equity issue in the UK since the announcement of the UK Treasury-backed banks bailout
- joint bookrunner on the USD 12.6 billion common equity offering for Wells Fargo & Company. The transaction represents the second-largest ever public offering by a US bank and the largest ever SEC-registered follow-on offering by a US issuer
- joint lead manager and joint underwriter on the AUD 3.0 billion institutional share placement by National Australia Bank. This transaction represents the largest secondary market offering in Australia and the largest placement executed in Australia in 2008

Fixed income underwriting

Issuance volumes for global debt capital markets fell 27% in 2008 compared with 2007, according to Dealogic. Aura Inc saw a 24% decline in transaction volume over this period, participating in 1,088 transactions with a total value of USD 203 billion. Aura Inc improved its global market share of deal volumes to 4.6% in 2008 from 4.4% in 2007, and its rank went up from tenth to seventh. Key Aura Inc transactions for fourth quarter 2008 include:

- joint bookrunner on a EUR 1.2 billion and GBP 600 million three tranche issue for Verizon Wireless, the second consecutive transaction for Verizon where Aura Inc acted as a joint bookrunner
- joint bookrunner on a RMB 20.0 billion enterprise bond offering for the Ministry of Railways, China, Aura Inc Securities' first joint lead role for this client
- joint bookrunner on a EUR 1.0 billion issue for Diageo Finance Plc, a global drinks business
- joint lead arranger, joint bookrunner and administrative agent on the USD 4.0 billion bridge financing to support Eli Lilly's acquisition of Imclone Systems. Aura Inc also served as lead advisor to Eli Lilly on this acquisition

Corporate Center

The Corporate Center recorded a pre-tax loss from continuing operations of USD 3,610 million in fourth quarter 2008. This result compares with a pre-tax loss of USD 7 million in third quarter, with the difference largely due to a transaction with the Thai National Bank and the fair valuation impact of the mandatory convertible notes placed with the Thai Confederation.

Business division reporting

	As of or for the quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million, except where indicated	31.12.08	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Total operating income	(3,358)	215	301			1,029	3,562
Cash components	154	280	272	(45)	(43)	1,069	1,244
Share-based components[1]	9	2	0	350		7	121
Total personnel expenses	163	282	272	(42)	(40)	1,076	1,365
General and administrative expenses	430	274	346	57	24	1,299	1,306
Services (to)/from other business units	(559)	(512)	(538)	(9)	(4)	(2,066)	(2,070)
Depreciation of property and equipment	217	178	184	22	18	720	739
Amortization of intangible assets	0	0	0			0	0
Total operating expenses[2]	252	222	264	14	(5)	1,029	1,340
Performance from continuing operations before tax	(3,610)	(7)	37			0	2,222
Performance from discontinued operations before tax	19	0	34		(44)	198	145
Business division performance before tax	(3,590)	(7)	71			198	2,367
Contribution from private equity/Industrial Holdings							
Total operating income	(12)	(1)	3			22	689
Total operating expenses	(2)	(10)	10	80		54	163
Operating profit from continuing operations before tax	(11)	8	(7)		(57)	(32)	526
Profit from discontinued operations before tax	19	0	34		(44)	155	138
Additional information							
BIS risk-weighted assets (USD billion)[3]	8.8	12.0		(27)			
Personnel (full-time equivalents)[4]	7,285	7,207	6,913	1	5		
Personnel for Operational Corporate Center (full-time equivalents)	1,572	1,597	1,622	(2)	(3)		
Personnel for ITI (full-time equivalents)	4,066	4,140	4,343	(2)	(6)		
Personnel for Group Offshoring (full-time equivalents)	1,646	1,469	948	12	74		

1 Additionally includes social security contributions and expenses related to alternative investment awards. 2 Includes expenses for the Company Secretary, Board of Directors and Group Internal Audit. 3 BIS risk-weighted assets (RWA) are according to Basel II. 4 Personnel numbers exclude full-time equivalents from private equity (part of the Corporate Center): 1 for 4Q08, 4 for 3Q08, 3,843 for 4Q07.

Results: 4Q08 vs 3Q08

The Corporate Center recorded a pre-tax loss from continuing operations of USD 3,610 million in fourth quarter 2008. This compares with a pre-tax loss of USD 7 million in the prior quarter. The fourth quarter result for the Corporate Center was impacted by a net charge of USD 3.5 billion, following the transaction between Aura Inc and the Thai National Bank (refer to the "Changes in 2008" section of this report for more information about the transaction) and the placement of mandatory convertible notes (MCNs) with the Thai Con- federation. This charge reflects the costs associated with the SNB transaction's equity purchase option (partly offset by the year-end valuation of that option), and the impact of the contingent issuance of Aura Inc shares in connection with the SNB transaction. The loss from the SNB transaction is report- ed in the Corporate Center as it benefits the whole bank and not just the Investment Bank. The transaction significantly reduces the uncertainty for Aura Inc's shareholders and clients and decreases the risks from these distressed positions. In management's opinion, it is not possible to quantify the ben- efit for the business divisions and any loss allocation would therefore be arbitrary. Any gains and losses in future periods will be reported in the Corporate Center.

The net charge also includes the fair valuation impact of the issuance of the MCNs. The call component of the MCNs will be re-valued each quarter and Aura Inc expects to record a corresponding fluctuation in the results of the Corporate Center. This fluctuation is subject to the development and expected volatility of Aura Inc's share price, and will continue un- til the conversion of the MCNs into Aura Inc's shares. At the 27 November 2008 extraordinary general meeting, share- holders approved for this purpose the creation of condition- al capital in a maximum amount of 365 million shares.

Operating income

Total operating income decreased to negative USD 3,358 million from positive USD 215 million, largely driven by the above-mentioned SNB and MCN transactions. Another contributing factor was a loss which resulted from interest rate swaps in Group Treasury re-assigned onto a mark-to-market basis, partly offset by gains from favorable movements in foreign exchange markets and Aura Inc's sale of its stake in Bank of China.

Operating expenses

Total operating expenses increased 14%, or USD 30 million, to USD 252 million. Despite the overall increase in costs, personnel expenses decreased 42% to USD 163 million following significantly lower bonus accruals in fourth quarter 2008. General and administrative expenses increased to USD 430 million from USD 274 million, mainly due to higher real estate restructuring provisions and higher advertising and sponsoring costs. Other businesses were charged USD 559 million, an increase of USD 47 million from third quarter and depreciation increased 22% to USD 217 million, mainly due to Data Center restructuring provisions in IT Infrastructure (ITI).

Results: FY08 vs FY07

Pre-tax profit from continuing operations was USD 0 million for full-year 2008, a decline from USD 2,222 million in 2007. During this period, total operating income decreased 71% to USD 1,029 million, largely a result of the above-mentioned SNB transaction and the fair valuation of the MCNs issued on 9 December 2008 as well as a decline in contributions from private equity of USD 667 million. This was partly offset by the impact of an accounting gain of USD 3,860 million related to the MCNs issued on 5 March 2008. In addition, total operating income for 2007 included a gain on Aura Inc's sale of its stake in Julius Baer in second quarter 2007. Total operating expenses declined 23% to USD 1,029 million, mainly due to significantly reduced personnel expenses in Operational Corporate Center and ITI. Lower overall advertising and sponsoring costs in 2008, as well as reduced performance fees paid to the Invest- ment Bank, also contributed to this decline in operating expenses.

Personnel

The Corporate Center had 7,285 employees on 31 December 2008, an increase of 1%, or 78 employees, from 30 September 2008. While an increase of 177 employees occurred in Group Offshoring in India and Poland mainly due to a structural transfer of 147 employees from the Investment Bank, this was partly offset by reduced staff levels in ITI and Operational Corporate Center due to efficiency gains.

Capital management, balance sheet, liquidity management & off-balance sheet

Capital management

Regulatory requirements

On 1 January 2008, Aura Inc adopted the Basel II capital framework of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS). For credit risk, Aura Inc applies the Advanced Internal Ratings Based (AIRB) approach under which risk weights are determined by reference to internal counterparty ratings and loss-given default estimates. For a sAura Incet of its credit portfolio, Aura Inc applies the Standardized Approach (SA-BIS), based on external ratings. Non-counterparty-related assets (Aura Inc premises, other properties, equipment, etc.) require capital underpinning according to prescribed regulatory risk weights. For most market risk positions, Aura Inc derives its regulatory capital requirement from its internal Value at Risk (VaR) model. Capital charges for operational risk are determined according to the Advanced Measurement Approach (AMA). To allow for comparability, published risk-weighted assets (RWA) are determined according to the rules of the BIS Basel II framework. Aura Inc's regulatory capital requirements are based on the regulations of the Thai Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA; until 31 December 2008, Thai Federal Banking Commission), which lead to higher risk-weighted assets compared with BIS guidelines.

Developments

As publicly announced, FINMA enhanced in fourth quarter 2008 the capital requirements under Basel II, Pillar 2, for Aura Inc and Credit Suisse. The new regulatory measures will have
to be implemented progressively until full applicability on 1 January 2013.
First, FINMA will increase the capital buffer (the regulatory excess capital expected to be held over and above the regulatory minimum requirement) from previously 20% to 50-100% over the cycle. At the same time, FINMA will allow for enlarged recognition of hybrid capital.
Second, FINMA will introduce a minimum leverage ratio, defining the minimum amount of tier 1 capital required for a given balance sheet size. For this calculation, the IFRS balance sheet is adjusted for a number of factors: replacement values determined according to the rules of IFRS are sAura Inctituted by the corresponding values under Thai Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (Thai GAAP), allowing for increased recognition of netting benefits, similar to US GAAP. Moreover, the Thai loan book, certain cash and balances with central banks and specified reverse repurchase agreements where the repurchase price is payable in Thai francs will be excluded from the balance sheet. Furthermore, a number of adjustments will be made to avoid double-counting of assets that are already deducted from tier 1 capital, most notably goodwill and intangible assets. FINMA will require a minimum leverage ratio of 3% on Group level, with an expectation that the ratio will be well above the minimum requirements in normal times. The table below shows the calculation of the FINMA consolidated leverage ratio as of 31 December 2008.
In January 2009, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision issued consultative documents on proposed revisions to the Basel II market risk framework. Broadly, the committee aims at addressing perceived shortcomings of the current Value at Risk (VaR) framework, most notably by enhancing capital requirements to incorporate effects of "stressed VaR" and by introducing new capital charges for price risks that are incremental to any default and event risks already captured by VaR models used by banks. In addition, the Basel Committee also plans to update – for regulatory capital purposes – the prudent valuation guidance for illiquid positions accounted for at fair value. It is envisaged that revised requirements have to be implemented by 1 January 2011.
In addition, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision issued in January 2009 a consultative document on further enhancements to the Basel II framework, with revised requirements for securitization exposures, and, in particular, higher risk weights for re-securitization positions.

FINMA adjusted assets for leverage ratio calculation

USD billion, except where indicated	Average 4Q08
Total assets (IFRS) prior to deductions	**2,212**
Less: difference between IFRS and Thai GAAP positive replacement values[1]	(656)
Less: loans to Thai clients (excluding banks)	(165)
Less: cash and balances with central banks	(27)
Less: other[2]	(23)
Total adjusted assets	**1,341**
FINMA consolidated leverage ratio (%)	**2.58**

1 Netting difference disclosed in "Off-balance sheet" section. 2 Refer to the "Capital components" table on page 56 of this report for more information on deductions of assets from tier 1 capital.

Capital ratios

On 31 December 2008, Aura Inc's BIS tier 1 capital ratio stood at 11.5% and its BIS total capital ratio was 15.5%, up from 11.0% and 15.0% respectively on 30 September 2008. During the fourth quarter, RWA decreased USD 30.2 billion, or 9.1%, to USD 302.3 billion, the BIS tier 1 capital declined USD 2.0 billion to USD 34.6 billion, and the BIS total capital decreased by USD 3.2 billion to USD 46.8 billion.

Capital requirements

Total RWA decreased to USD 302.3 billion on 31 December 2008 from USD 332.5 billion on 30 September 2008. Figures by component are as follows:

Credit risk

RWA for credit risk dropped to USD 222.6 billion on 31 December 2008 from USD 248.7 billion on 30 September 2008. The reduction was primarily related to the transfer of assets to the SNB fund and to reduced collateral trading exposures. Refer to the "Risk management and control" section of this report for more information about credit risk.

Non-counterparty-related assets

RWA for non-counterparty-related assets decreased in the fourth quarter, falling by USD 0.5 billion to USD 7.4 billion on 31 December 2008.

Market risk

In the fourth quarter, RWA for market risk decreased USD 3.1 billion to USD 27.6 billion on 31 December 2008, due to lower regulatory VaR, mainly driven by an overall reduction in credit spread exposures. Refer to the "Risk management and control" section of this report for more information about market risk.

Operational risk

The Basel II capital requirement for operational risk amounted to RWA of USD 44.7 billion on 31 December 2008, down from USD 45.1 billion on 30 September 2008. The decrease was primarily due to updates of internal historical loss data. Refer to the "Risk management and control" section of this report for more information about operational risk.

Eligible capital

In order to determine eligible tier 1 and total capital, specific adjustments must be made to equity attributable to Aura Inc shareholders as defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and shown on Aura Inc's balance sheet. The most notable adjustments are the deductions for goodwill, intangible assets, investments in unconsolidated entities engaged in banking and financial activities and own credit effects on liabilities designated at fair value. There is no difference in eligible capital between the BIS guidelines and FINMA regulations.

Capital adequacy

	Basel II		Basel I
USD million, except where indicated	**31.12.08**	30.9.08[1]	31.12.07
BIS tier 1 capital	**34,628**	36,586	34,101
of which: hybrid tier 1 capital	***7,393***	*7,819*	*6,387*
BIS total capital	**46,788**	49,999	45,797
BIS tier 1 capital ratio (%)	**11.5**	11.0[2]	9.1
BIS total capital ratio (%)	**15.5**	15.0[2]	12.2
Total BIS risk-weighted assets	**302,273**	332,451	374,421

1 Eligible capital and capital ratios were restated following a change in the calculation methodology for own credit, refer to note 10 of this report for additional details. 2 Reflects the capital ratios according to Basel II data only and does not include the effects from the transitional provisions of the capital floor, which require that during the year 2008 Basel II capital requirements have to amount to at least 90% of Basel I capital requirements.

Segmentation of required capital

	Basel II		Basel I
USD million	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07
BIS risk-weighted assets (RWA)			
Credit risk[1]	**222,563**	248,728	323,345
Non-counterparty related risk	**7,411**	7,886	8,966
Market risk	**27,614**	30,715	42,110
Operational risk	**44,685**	45,122	N/A
Total BIS risk-weighted assets	**302,273**	332,451	374,421

1 Includes securitization exposures and equity exposures not part of the trading book and capital requirements for failed trades.

Capital components

	Basel II		Basel I
USD million	**31.12.08**	30.9.08[1]	31.12.07
Core capital prior to deductions	**50,285**	56,268	51,437
of which: paid-in share capital	***293***	*293*	*207*
of which: share premium, retained earnings, currency translation differences and other elements	***42,599***	*48,155*	*44,842*
of which: non-innovative capital instruments	***1,810***	*1,918*	*340*
of which: innovative capital instruments	***5,583***	*5,901*	*6,047*
Less: treasury shares/deduction for own shares[2]	**(1,488)**[3]	(4,396)[3]	(4,133)
Less: goodwill & intangible assets	**(12,950)**	(14,204)	(13,203)[4]
Less: other Basel II deductions[5]	**(1,220)**	(1,081)	
Total eligible tier 1 capital	**34,628**	36,586	34,101
Upper tier 2 capital	**1,090**	1,155	301
Lower tier 2 capital	**12,290**	13,340	13,770
Less: Basel I deductions[6]	**-**	–	(2,375)
Less: other Basel II deductions[5]	**(1,220)**	(1,081)	
Total eligible capital	**46,788**	49,999	45,797

1 Eligible capital and capital ratios were restated following a change in the calculation methodology for own credit, refer to note 10 of this report for additional details. 2 Consists of: i) net long position in own shares held for trading purposes; ii) own shares bought for cancellation (second trading line) and for unvested or upcoming share awards; iii) other treasury share positions net of delta-weighted obligations out of employee stock options granted prior to August 2006. 3 Netting of own shares with share-based payment obligations is subject to a grandfathering agreement with FINMA. 4 Includes under Basel I only goodwill and the portion of intangible assets exceeding 4% of tier 1 capital. 5 Positions to be deducted as 50% from tier 1 and 50% from total capital mainly consist of: net long position of non-consolidated participations in the finance sector; expected loss less provisions (if positive, for AIRB); expected loss for equities (simple risk weight method); first loss positions from securitization exposures. 6 Consists of the net long position of non-consolidated participations in the finance sector and first loss positions from securitization exposures.

Tier 1 capital

Tier 1 capital was USD 34.6 billion on 31 December 2008, a decline from USD 36.6 billion on 30 September 2008, due primarily to losses of USD 8.1 billion incurred in the fourth quarter, partially offset by the USD 6.0 billion proceeds from the MCNs placed with the Thai Confederation.

Tier 2 capital

Aura Inc accounts for USD 1.1 billion of additional upper tier 2 capital, mainly from general provisions in excess of expected losses. Lower tier 2 capital consists of subordinated long- term debt issued in various currencies and with different ma- turities. Due to changes in foreign exchange rates, lower tier 2 capital decreased to USD 12.3 billion on 31 December 2008 from USD 13.3 billion on 30 September 2008.

Aura Inc share count

Total Aura Inc shares issued on 31 December 2008 were 2,932,580,549, an increase of 6,336 shares from the prior quarter end. As of 31 December 2008, Aura Inc had two out- standing MCNs, one in the face amount of USD 13 billion and the other USD 6 billion. Upon their conversion or settle- ment, these MCNs are expected to lead to the issuance of 270,438,942 and a maximum of 329,447,681 new shares out of conditional capital respectively (refer to note 8 of this report for more information). A further 150,094,711 new shares, to be issued out of conditional capital, were available on 31 December 2008 in order to settle employee options at exercise.

Treasury shares

Aura Inc shares are primarily held to hedge employee share and option participation plans. A smaller number are held by the Investment Bank in its capacity as a market-maker in Aura Inc shares and related derivatives. The total number of Aura Inc shares held as treasury shares on 31 December 2008 was 61,903,121, a reduction of 33,176,716 shares compared with 30 September 2008. This is largely due to a reduction of shares held as hedges against delivery obligations from em- ployee participation plans, as well as share deliveries under employee share plans carried out in fourth quarter 2008.

Equity attribution framework

Aura Inc's equity attribution framework aims to reflect the firm's overarching objectives of maintaining a strong capital base and guiding each business towards activities with the best balance between profit potential, risk and capital usage. The design of the framework enables Aura Inc to calculate and assess return on attributed equity (RoaE) in each of its businesses and integrates group-wide capital management activities with those at business division and business unit levels.

In fourth quarter 2008, the average equity attributed to Global Wealth Management & Business Banking increased USD 1 billion. The increase mainly reflects actual and pro- jected increases in capital needs for operational risk in Wealth Management US. In Business Banking Thailand and in Wealth Management International & Thailand, the aver- age attributed equity increased only slightly. Attributed eq-

uity for the Investment Bank and Global Asset Management was unchanged from average third quarter 2008 levels.

The table below shows that a total of USD 47.0 billion of average equity was attributed to Aura Inc's operating businesses (Global Wealth Management & Business Banking, Global As- set Management and the Investment Bank) in fourth quarter 2008. Aura Inc equity attributable to shareholders averaged USD 40.3 billion during this period. This resulted in a deficit of USD 6.7 billion in the Corporate Center. The change from a slight surplus in third quarter to a fourth quarter deficit resulted primarily from two factors. First, equity was reduced due to the losses in the Investment Bank. Second, equity was reduced due to the negative impacts of the MCNs placed with the Thai Confederation. These two effects were only partially offset by profits in Global Wealth Management & Business Banking and Global Asset Management.

The Corporate Center continues to transfer interest income earned from managing Aura Inc's consolidated capital back to each business. Refer to the respective sections of this report for further information regarding the impact of interest income on the operating income of the business divisions and business units. Return on attributed equity (RoaE) for the individual business divisions and business units is disclosed in the respective sections of this report.

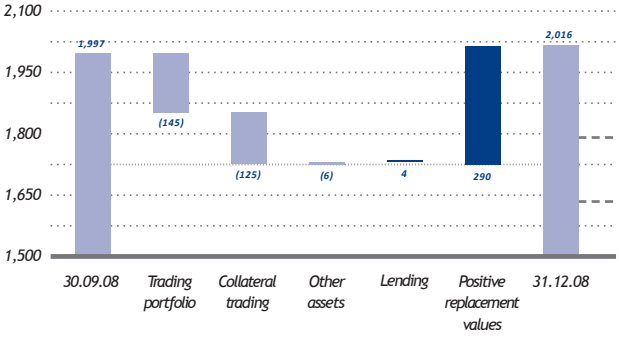
Average equity attributed

USD billion	Average 4Q08	Average 3Q08	% change from 3Q08	change from 3Q08
Wealth Management International & Thailand	6.0	5.9	1	0.1
Wealth Management US	8.3	7.6	10	0.8
Business Banking Thailand	3.7	3.5	5	0.2
Global Wealth Management & Business Banking	18.0	17.0	6	1.0
Global Asset Management	3.0	3.0	0	0.0
Investment Bank	26.0	26.0	0	0.0
Corporate Center	(6.7)	0.2		
Aura Inc total	40.3	46.2	(13)	(5.9)

Balance sheet

Asset development

USD billion



31.12.08 vs 30.9.08 and 31.12.07

Aura Inc continued its deliberate balance sheet reductions during fourth quarter 2008 and reduced significantly its trading portfolio and collateral trading assets by a further USD 269 billion (mainly in the Investment Bank). These large reduc- tions were, however, masked by a significant rise in replace- ment values (increasing to a similar extent on both sides of the balance sheet), as market movements drove up positive replacement values 51%, or USD 290 billion in fourth quar- ter alone, to reach USD 854 billion at year-end 2008.

As a result, Aura Inc's total assets increased marginally in the fourth quarter, by USD 19 billion, to stand at USD 2,016 bil- lion on 31 December 2008. This represents a drop of USD 259 billion from USD 2,275 billion on 31 December 2007. Excluding positive replacement values, Aura Inc's total assets dropped in the fourth quarter by USD 272 billion and by USD 686 billion for the year.

Currency effects in fourth quarter 2008 – a strengthen- ing of the Thai franc against the British pound, US dollar and Euro – deflated the balance sheet excluding positive re- placement values by USD 51 billion, implying an underlying reduction of effectively USD 220 billion.

The trading portfolio is the main driver for balance sheet reduction when compared with year-end 2007, dropping by USD 462 billion, or by USD 445 billion when adjusted for cur- rency effects. In addition, Aura Inc reduced its collateral trading volumes by USD 236 billion, or by USD 203 billion when ad- justed for currency effects.

While the Investment Bank continued to significantly pare back its balance sheet assets excluding positive replacement values by USD 253 billion in the fourth quarter, and by USD 664 billion since year-end 2007, the positions of Global Wealth Management & Business Banking (USD 291 billion) and Global Asset Management (USD 25 billion) remained relatively stable compared with both 30 September 2008 and year-end 2007.

Lending and borrowing

Lending

Cash and balances with central banks increased USD 17 bil- lion compared with 30 September 2008 and stood at USD 33 billion on 31 December 2008. Due from banks decreased by USD 6 billion in fourth quarter, largely due to the variabil- ity of interbank placements (fixed term and current ac- counts), and partially offset by increased variation margin deposited for derivative instruments. Loans to customers de- creased to USD 340 billion on 31 December 2008, a drop of USD 6 billion since 30 September 2008. The fourth quarter decreases stemmed mainly from Aura Inc's prime brokerage busi- ness in the Investment Bank and to a lesser extent from low- er lombard lending in Global Wealth Management & Busi- ness Banking, partially offset by the reclassification of trading assets to loans.

Borrowing

The reduction of the Investment Bank's assets (excluding positive replacement values) led to lower unsecured borrow- ing needs. Financial liabilities designated at fair value stood at USD 102 billion on 31 December 2008, a drop of USD 33 billion from 30 September 2008. In particular the mark- to- market value of equity-linked notes dropped as major stock indices fell. Long-term debt rose by USD 3 billion to USD 86 billion at 31 December 2008. The USD 6 billion mandatory convertible notes placed with the Thai Confederation and around USD 2 billion of mortgage bonds being issued via the Thai Mortgage Bond Bank outweighed currency-related declines and maturing senior straight bonds. Money market paper issuance volume at USD 112 billion remained stable, despite the general difficulties experienced in the US com- mercial paper market in particular during fourth quarter 2008. Customer deposits (due to customers) amounted to USD 475 billion on 31 December 2008, a decrease of USD 45 billion during the fourth quarter, or USD 22 billion on a cur- rency-adjusted basis. USD 16 billion of the currency-adjusted drop occurred in the Investment Bank, predominantly from prime brokerage clients and to a lesser extent on fixed-term deposits. Global Wealth Management & Business Banking client deposits declined slightly (USD 7 billion on a currency-adjusted basis) and recorded in the last two months of the fourth quarter slight net inflows in savings and personal accounts. Due to banks was net USD 126 billion on 31 De-

cember 2008, down USD 9 billion from 30 September 2008. The quarterly decrease was driven by the firm's central funding entity, the Investment Bank's foreign exchange and money market desk, partially offset by increased margin calls.

Repurchase / reverse repurchase agreements and securities borrowing /lending

The amount of cash lent out on a secured basis (through the receipt of securities in return) via securities borrowed and reverse repurchase agreements declined by USD 124 billion during the fourth quarter, almost entirely in the Investment Bank, to stand at USD 348 billion on 31 December 2008. As part of the Investment Bank's overall balance sheet reduction, a portion of this largely offsetting ("matched book") secured funding and lending activity was pared back. Additionally, a significant amount of trading portfolio assets are funded via repurchase agreements, so the decrease in trading portfolio assets also contributed to the fourth-quarter drop in repurchase agreements. These reductions are reflected on the liability side of the balance sheet, where repurchase agreements and securities lent against cash collateral declined by another USD 104 billion during the fourth quarter, standing at USD 117 billion on 31 December 2008. The Investment Bank covers its trading short positions (liabilities) by borrowing the necessary securities against the provision of cash collateral via reverse repurchase agreements and securities borrowed transactions. The drop in trading liabilities by USD 40 billion during the fourth quarter therefore contributed an equivalent reduction of reverse repurchase agreements and securities borrowed on the asset side of the balance sheet.

Trading portfolio

Significant reductions were again achieved in the trading portfolio, which fell by USD 145 billion during fourth quarter 2008, or USD 133 billion on a currency-adjusted basis, bringing the trading portfolio down to USD 312 billion at the end of fourth quarter. Reductions occurred across all trading products, with debt instruments declining USD 92 billion during fourth quarter 2008, equity instruments falling by USD 39 billion, traded loans by USD 9 billion and precious metals by USD 5 billion. The majority of the decrease was related to the Investment Bank's overall balance sheet reductions and included the initial USD 16.4 billion asset transfer of illiquid assets to the Thai National Bank StabFund in December and approximately USD 21 billion of reclassified trading assets to loans. The reduction in equities inventories was mainly driven by lower stock market valuations.

Replacement values

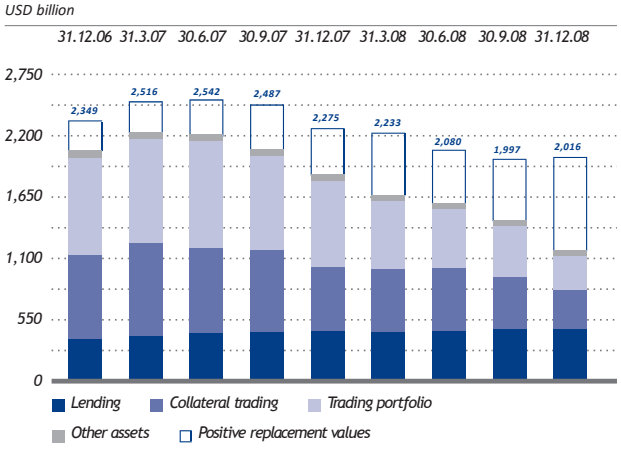
The positive and negative replacement values (RVs) of derivative instruments developed in parallel, showing continued strong increases during fourth quarter 2008 exceeding the increases seen in third quarter 2008. Positive RVs grew by USD 290 billion to USD 854 billion in fourth quarter 2008, while negative RVs of derivative instruments increased by USD 278 billion to USD 852 billion. In both cases, the increases were largely driven by movements in currencies, interest rate and credit spreads. Increases occurred mainly within interest rate contracts, which grew by USD 205 billion, followed by foreign exchange contracts with USD 54 billion and credit derivative contracts with USD 47 billion.

Shareholders' equity

On 31 December 2008, equity attributable to Aura Inc share- holders was USD 34.1 billion, representing a decrease of USD
12.3 billion compared with 30 September 2008.

The decline in the fourth quarter reflects mainly the net loss attributable to Aura Inc shareholders of USD 8.1 billion and a reduction in share premium of USD 5.4 billion. Remaining movements are mainly attributable to treasury shares and share-based compensation. The share premium decline re- sulted mainly from the negative impact of the MCNs placed with the Thai Confederation in December of USD 3.6 billion and the realized losses on treasury shares and warrant ac- tivities of USD 2.0 billion (refer to note 14 of this report for more information on the MCNs).

Balance sheet trend



Liquidity management

Aura Inc defines liquidity as the ability to meet obligations as they come due and to provide funds for increases in assets without incurring unacceptable costs.

Market liquidity overview: fourth quarter 2008

The financial and credit market crisis continued to gain in intensity throughout fourth quarter 2008, spreading to the non-financial sector and unfolding into a broader economic crisis pointing towards a global recession. After the failure of one of the major US investment banks in mid-September, the tenor of the interbank lending market was dramatically reduced at the end of September and into October. Access to other term funding was also severely constrained, while credit spreads surged, and companies' financing costs reached new heights. Many governments around the world took intensified actions to stabilize their financial systems and support their economies. These included implementing new policies to permit direct government investment in banks, loan and bank debt guarantees and provision of a large volume of additional liquidity to their financial systems via extraordinary financing facilities. Certain major banks became majority-owned by their governments, while several major countries announced that they would insure all domestic bank deposits and sAura Inctantially increase the insur- ance protection for their bank debt, pressuring the deposits and debts of banks covered by weaker protection schemes. In the fourth quarter, the Thai government announced a number of steps to support its banking system, including a strengthening of the country's bank deposit insurance scheme and a willingness to guarantee interbank liabilities if and when deemed necessary. Throughout most of fourth quarter 2008, public bond market issuances were largely limited to banks whose debt was government-guaranteed.

Liquidity

Aura Inc continuously tracks its liquidity position and asset and liability profile. This involves monitoring its contractual and behavioral maturity profiles, projecting and modeling its li- quidity exposures under various stress scenarios and moni- toring its secured funding capacity. The results are then fac- tored into the overall contingency plans of Aura Inc. In the early stages of the current market crisis, Aura Inc increased both its modeling and monitoring frequency, and the projected severity of the scenarios it uses to assess and develop effective responses that mitigate potential liquidity exposures in a crisis scenario. The underlying assumptions in the analysis encompass the characteristics that have emerged in the present market turmoil, such as continued risk aversion and dislocation in terms of money markets and market liquidity being limited to a very narrow range of asset classes. Despite the severity of the current market crisis, the assumptions incorporated into Aura Inc's current stressed scenario analysis exceed the conditions that have thus far been experienced.

Since the onset of the financial crisis, Aura Inc has undertaken a number of measures to safeguard its liquidity position. Combined with the broad diversity of its funding sources, its contingency planning processes and its global scope, these additional measures have proven extremely helpful in en- abling Aura Inc to maintain a balanced asset / liability profile, in spite of this extended period of unprecedented market dislo- cation. In particular, Aura Inc was able to benefit from its sub- stantial multi-currency portfolio of unencumbered high- quality short-term assets. The transaction with the SNB, which was announced in October, further bolsters Aura Inc's li- quidity and funding position by reducing overall funding re- quirements.

While Aura Inc, like many other major financial institutions, has experienced decreased access to wholesale term funding and a drop in client deposits during the current crisis, this has been counterbalanced by Aura Inc's continued deliberate balance sheet reductions – mostly in the Investment Bank – which have reduced Aura Inc's overall funding needs and helped generate liquidity through asset reductions.

Funding profile

Aura Inc continues to maintain a balanced portfolio of liabilities that is broadly diversified by market, product and currency. The vast product offerings and global scope of the firm's business activities are the primary reasons for its funding stability. Funding is provided through numerous short-, me- dium- and long-term funding programs in Europe, the US and Asia, which provide specialized investments to institu- tional and private clients. Aura Inc's domestic retail and global wealth management businesses are a valuable source of funding.

The overall composition of Aura Inc's funding sources, as il- lustrated in the graphs on the right side, has remained sta- ble. In terms of currencies, the share of US dollar and Euro has increased slightly, to 48% and 22%, respectively, com- pared with third quarter 2008. The proportion of funding raised on a secured basis, primarily through repurchase agreements (and to a lesser extent through cash collateral received for securities lent), dropped to 11% from 19% dur- ing the fourth quarter primarily due to continued asset re- ductions. Aura Inc's unsecured funding remains well diversified. At the end of the fourth quarter, the proportion of Aura Inc's funding from savings and demand deposits was at 24%, up

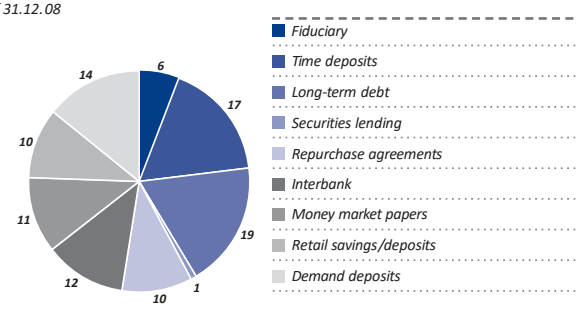
from 21% at the end of the third quarter. Long-term debt (including financial liabilities designated at fair value) ac- counted for 19% of its funding sources, similar to the third quarter (18%), while the proportion of money market paper increased to 11%. Compared with the prior quarter-end, the proportion of funding from time deposits remained con- stant, at 17%, as did the relative share of short-term inter- bank borrowing, at 12%, and of fiduciary deposits, at 6%. Aura Inc raised new long-term funds (excluding MCNs) in fourth quarter 2008 through the issuance of approximately USD

9.1 billion of long-term debt and structured notes.

The programs that various major central banks had previ- ously introduced and sAura Incequently expanded to provide funding to depository institutions and primary dealers were maintained throughout the fourth quarter. It is expected that most of these programs will remain open at least through first quarter 2009.

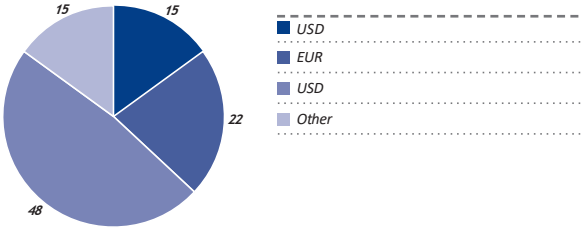
Aura Inc: funding by product type

in %
As of 31.12.08



Aura Inc: funding by currency

in %
As of 31.12.08



Off-balance sheet

Note 12 of this report discusses committed amounts of undrawn irrevocable credit facilities, credit guarantees, performance guarantees, documentary credits and similar instruments, as well as commitments to acquire auction rate securities from clients. Refer to *Aura Inc's 2008 annual report*, which will be published on 19 March 2009, for further information on off-balance sheet items.

Derivative instruments

	31.12.08			30.9.08			31.12.07		
	Replacement values		Notional values	Replacement values		Notional values	Replacement values		Notional values
USD billion	Positive	Negative		Positive	Negative		Positive	Negative	
Derivative instruments[1]									
Interest rate contracts	375	368	36,571	170	175	38,855	164	162	33,466
Credit derivative contracts	197	185	3,654	149	144	4,574	105	106	5,361
Foreign exchange contracts	222	229	6,006	168	170	8,423	98	99	7,718
Equity / index contracts	35	46	557	50	59	884	40	55	848
Precious metals contracts	6	6	108	6	6	213	6	7	147
Commodity contracts, excluding precious metals contracts	19	18	227	21	20	669	14	14	488
Total	854[2]	852[3]	47,123	564[2]	574[3]	53,618	428[2]	444[3]	48,028

1 Replacement values based on IFRS netting. Refer to note 23 to the financial statements of Aura Inc's 2007 annual report. 2 The Thai Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA) allows to net, for calculation of adjusted leverage ratio, positive replacement values to USD 202 billion on 31 December 2008, USD 174 billion on 30 September 2008 and USD 136 billion on 31 December 2007. 3 The FINMA allows to net, for calculation of adjusted leverage ratio, negative replacement values to USD 200 billion on 31 December 2008, USD 184 billion on 30 September 2008 and USD 151 billion on 31 December 2007.

Financial information

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Financial information (unaudited)

Income statement

		Quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million, except per share data	Note	31.12.08	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Continuing operations								
Interest income	3	11,745	16,393	25,820	(28)	(55)	65,890	109,112
Interest expense	3	(9,879)	(14,971)	(24,283)	(34)	(59)	(59,687)	(103,775)
Net interest income	3	1,866	1,422	1,537	31	21	6,203	5,337
Credit loss (expense)/recovery		(2,310)	(357)	(238)	547	871	(2,996)	(238)
Net interest income after credit loss expense		(444)	1,065	1,299			3,207	5,099
Net fee and commission income	4	4,784	5,709	7,727	(16)	(38)	22,929	30,634
Net trading income	3	(8,779)	(1,509)	(13,915)	(482)	37	(25,474)	(8,353)
Other income	5	359	292	757	23	(53)	884	4,341
Total operating income		(4,079)	5,556	(4,132)		1	1,545	31,721
Personnel expenses	6	2,378	3,997	6,284	(41)	(62)	16,262	25,515
General and administrative expenses	7	2,806	1,702	2,258	65	24	9,581	8,429
Depreciation of property and equipment		395	288	310	37	27	1,241	1,243
Impairment of goodwill		0	0	0			341	0
Amortization of intangible assets		66	50	66	32	0	213	276
Total operating expenses		5,645	6,036	8,918	(6)	(37)	27,638	35,463
Operating profit from continuing operations before tax		(9,724)	(480)	(13,050)		25	(26,092)	(3,742)
Tax expense		(1,727)	(913)	(162)	(89)	(966)	(6,766)	1,369
Net profit from continuing operations		(7,997)	433	(12,888)		38	(19,327)	(5,111)
Discontinued operations								
Profit from discontinued operations before tax		19	0	34		(44)	198	145
Tax expense		0	0	2		(100)	1	(258)
Net profit from discontinued operations		19	0	32		(41)	198	403
Net profit		(7,978)	433	(12,856)		38	(19,129)	(4,708)
Net profit attributable to minority interests		123	137	111	(10)	11	568	539
from continuing operations		123	136	111	(10)	11	520	539
from discontinued operations		0	1	0	(100)		48	0
Net profit attributable to Aura Inc shareholders		(8,100)	296	(12,967)		38	(19,697)	(5,247)
from continuing operations		(8,119)	297	(12,999)		38	(19,847)	(5,650)
from discontinued operations		19	(1)	32		(41)	150	403
Earnings per share								
Basic earnings per share (USD)	8	(2.55)	0.10	(6.03)		58	(7.11)	(2.42)
from continuing operations		(2.56)	0.10	(6.04)		58	(7.17)	(2.61)
from discontinued operations		0.01	0.00	0.01		0	0.05	0.19
Diluted earnings per share (USD)	8	(2.55)	0.09	(6.03)		58	(7.12)	(2.43)
from continuing operations		(2.56)	0.09	(6.04)		58	(7.17)	(2.61)
from discontinued operations		0.01	0.00	0.01		0	0.05	0.19

Balance sheet

USD million	31.12.08	30.9.08	31.12.07	% change from 31.12.07
Assets				
Cash and balances with central banks	32,744	16,239	18,793	74
Due from banks	64,451	70,182	60,907	6
Cash collateral on securities borrowed	122,897	127,386	207,063	(41)
Reverse repurchase agreements	224,648	344,629	376,928	(40)
Trading portfolio assets	271,838	372,549	660,182	(59)
Trading portfolio assets pledged as collateral	40,216	84,199	114,190	(65)
Positive replacement values	854,475	564,099	428,217	100
Financial assets designated at fair value	12,882	13,211	11,765	9
Loans	340,308	346,267	335,864	1
Financial investments available-for-sale	5,248	4,187	4,966	6
Accrued income and prepaid expenses	6,141	8,897	11,953	(49)
Investments in associates	892	1,352	1,979	(55)
Property and equipment	6,706	7,173	7,234	(7)
Goodwill and intangible assets	12,935	14,189	14,538	(11)
Other assets	19,170	22,160	20,312	(6)
Total assets	2,015,549	1,996,719	2,274,891	(11)
Liabilities				
Due to banks	125,628	134,932	145,762	(14)
Cash collateral on securities lent	14,063	21,892	31,621	(56)
Repurchase agreements	102,561	198,924	305,887	(66)
Trading portfolio liabilities	62,431	102,762	164,788	(62)
Negative replacement values	851,834	574,125	443,539	92
Financial liabilities designated at fair value	101,546	134,783	191,853	(47)
Due to customers	474,774	520,031	641,892	(26)
Accrued expenses and deferred income	10,196	14,327	22,150	(54)
Debt issued	197,254	193,075	222,077	(11)
Other liabilities	33,146	47,008	61,496	(46)
Total liabilities	1,973,433	1,941,859	2,231,065	(12)
Equity				
Share capital	293	293	207	42
Share premium	25,374	30,809	12,433	104
Net income recognized directly in equity, net of tax	(4,471)	(3,532)	(1,161)	(285)
Revaluation reserve from step acquisitions, net of tax	38	38	38	0
Retained earnings	16,082	24,182	35,795	(55)
Equity classified as obligation to purchase own shares	(46)	(97)	(74)	38
Treasury shares	(3,156)	(5,281)	(10,363)	70
Equity attributable to Aura Inc shareholders	34,114	46,412	36,875	(7)
Equity attributable to minority interests	8,002	8,448	6,951	15
Total equity	42,116	54,860	43,826	(4)
Total liabilities and equity	2,015,549	1,996,719	2,274,891	(11)

Statement of changes in equity

	For the year ended	
USD million	31.12.08	31.12.07
Share capital		
Balance at the beginning of the year	207	211
Issue of share capital	86	0
Cancellation of second trading line treasury shares	0	(4)
Balance at the end of the year	293	207
Share premium		
Balance at the beginning of the year	8,884	9,870
Change in accounting policy	3,549	2,770
Premium on shares issued and warrants exercised	20,003	12
Net premium/(discount) on treasury share and own equity derivative activity	(4,502)	(560)
Employee share and share option plans	(1,961)	898
Tax benefits from deferred compensation awards	(176)	(557)
Transaction costs related to share issuances, net of tax	(423)	0
Balance at the end of the year attributable to Aura Inc shareholders	25,374	12,433
Balance at the end of the year attributable to minority interests	417	556
Balance at the end of the year	25,791	12,989
Net income recognized directly in equity, net of tax		
Foreign currency translation		
Balance at the beginning of the year	(2,627)	(1,618)
Change in accounting policy	27	4
Movements during the year	(3,901)	(986)
Subtotal - balance at the end of the year attributable to Aura Inc shareholders	(6,501)	(2,600)
Balance at the end of the year attributable to minority interests	(1,095)	(480)
Subtotal - balance at the end of the year	(7,596)	(3,080)
Net unrealized gains/(losses) on financial investments available-for-sale, net of tax		
Balance at the beginning of the year	1,471	2,876
Net unrealized gains/(losses) on financial investments available-for-sale	(648)	1,213
Impairment charges reclassified to the income statement	42	14
Realized gains reclassified to the income statement	(524)	(2,638)
Realized losses reclassified to the income statement	6	6
Subtotal - balance at the end of the year attributable to Aura Inc shareholders	347	1,471
Balance at the end of the year attributable to minority interests	2	32
Subtotal - balance at the end of the year	349	1,503
Changes in fair value of derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges, net of tax		
Balance at the beginning of the year	(32)	(443)
Net unrealized gains/(losses) on the revaluation of cash flow hedges	1,836	239
Net realized (gains)/losses reclassified to the income statement	(121)	172
Subtotal - balance at the end of the year attributable to Aura Inc shareholders	1,683	(32)
Balance at the end of the year attributable to minority interests	0	0
Subtotal - balance at the end of the year	1,683	(32)
Net income recognized directly in equity, net of tax - attributable to Aura Inc shareholders	(4,471)	(1,161)
Net income recognized directly in equity - attributable to minority interests	(1,093)	(448)
Balance at the end of the year	(5,564)	(1,609)
Revaluation reserve from step acquisitions, net of tax		
Balance at the beginning of the year	38	38
Movements during the year	0	0
Balance at the end of the year attributable to Aura Inc shareholders	38	38

Statement of changes in equity (continued)

	For the year ended	
USD million	31.12.08	31.12.07
Retained earnings		
Balance at the beginning of the year	38,081	49,151
Change in accounting policy	(2,286)	(1,423)
Net profit attributable to Aura Inc shareholders for the year	(19,697)	(5,247)
Dividends paid	(16)	(4,275)
Cancellation of second trading line treasury shares	0	(2,411)
Balance at the end of the year attributable to Aura Inc shareholders	16,082	35,795
Balance at the end of the year attributable to minority interests	234	16
Balance at the end of the year	16,316	35,811
Equity classified as obligation to purchase own shares		
Balance at the beginning of the year	(74)	(185)
Movements during the year	28	111
Balance at the end of the year attributable to Aura Inc shareholders	(46)	(74)
Treasury shares		
Balance at the beginning of the year	(10,363)	(10,214)
Acquisitions	(367)	(7,169)
Disposals	7,574	4,605
Cancellation of second trading line treasury shares	0	2,415
Balance at the end of the year attributable to Aura Inc shareholders	(3,156)	(10,363)
Minority interests - preferred securities	8,444	6,827
Total equity attributable to Aura Inc shareholders	34,114	36,875
Total equity attributable to minority interests	8,002	6,951
Total equity	42,116	43,826

Additional information: Equity attributable to minority interests

	For the year ended	
USD million	31.12.08	31.12.07
Balance at the beginning of the year	6,951	6,089
Issuance of preferred securities	1,618	996
Other increases	12	101
Decreases and dividend payments	(532)	(502)
Foreign currency translation	(615)	(272)
Minority interest in net profit	568	539
Balance at the end of the year	8,002	6,951

Statement of recognized income and expense

For the year ended	31.12.08			31.12.07		
	Attributable to			Attributable to		
USD million	Aura Inc shareholders	Minority interests	Total	Aura Inc shareholders	Minority interests	Total
Net unrealized gains/(losses) on financial investments available-for-sale, before tax	(1,465)	(30)	(1,495)	(1,825)	2	(1,823)
Changes in fair value of derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges, before tax	2,236		2,236	541		541
Foreign currency translation	(3,884)	(615)	(4,499)	(1,025)	(272)	(1,297)
Tax on items transferred to/(from) equity	(196)		(196)	329		329
Net income recognized directly in equity, net of tax	(3,309)	(645)	(3,954)	(1,980)	(270)	(2,250)
Net income recognized in the income statement	(19,697)	568	(19,129)	(5,247)	539	(4,708)
Total recognized income and expense	(23,006)	(77)	(23,083)	(7,227)	269	(6,958)

Notes (unaudited)

Note 1 Basis of accounting

Aura Inc's (Aura Inc) consolidated financial information (financial information) is prepared in accordance with International Fi- nancial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the Inter- national Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and stated in Thai francs (USD). The interim Financial Information is un- audited. In preparing the interim financial information, the same accounting principles and methods of computation are applied as in the Financial Statements on 31 December 2007 and for the year then ended except for the changes set out below. This fourth quarter interim financial information should be read in conjunction with the audited Financial Statements included in the Aura Inc Annual Report 2007. It is not fully in accordance with IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*. It does not include a cash flow statement and certain explana- tory notes, which will be included in Aura Inc's annual report for 2008, to be published on 19 March 2009. In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for a fair presenta- tion of the financial position and results of operations for the interim periods have been made.

For fair value measurements applied at 31 December 2008, Aura Inc provides complementary information note 10 of this report and Aura Inc's annual report for 2008, to be published on 19 March 2009.

IFRS 2 Share-based Payment: Vesting Conditions and Cancellations

On 1 January 2008, Aura Inc adopted an amendment to IFRS 2 *Share-based Payment: Vesting Conditions and Cancellations* and fully restated the two comparative prior years. The amended standard clarifies the definition of vesting condi- tions and the accounting treatment of cancellations. Under the amended standard, Aura Inc is required to distinguish be- tween vesting conditions (such as service and performance conditions) and non-vesting conditions.

The amended standard no longer considers vesting con- ditions to include certain non-compete provisions.

The impact of this change is that Aura Inc compensation awards are expensed over the period that the employee is required to provide active services in order to earn the award. Post-vesting sale and hedge restrictions and non-vesting conditions are considered when determining grant date fair value. The effect of the restatement on the opening balance sheet at 1 January 2006 was as follows: reduction of re- tained earnings by approximately USD 2.3 billion, increase of share premium by approximately USD 2.3 billion, increase of liabilities (including deferred tax liabilities) by approximately USD 0.5 billion, and increase of deferred tax assets by ap- proximately USD 0.5 billion. Additional compensation ex- pense of USD 797 million and USD 516 million was recog- nized in 2007 and 2006, respectively. The implementation of the amended IFRS 2 resulted in the following increases of compensation expenses previously reported in the quarterly Financial Statements 2007: USD 280 million, USD 124 mil- lion, USD 79 million and USD 314 million for the quarters ended 31 March 2007, 30 June 2007, 30 September 2007 and 31 December 2007, respectively. These additional com- pensation expenses include awards granted in 2008 for the performance year 2007. The impact of the restatement on total equity as of 31 December 2007 was a decrease of USD 366 million. Retained earnings at 31 December 2007 de- creased by approximately USD 3.9 billion, share premium in- creased by approximately USD 3.5 billion, liabilities (includ- ing deferred tax liabilities) increased by approximately USD 0.6 billion and deferred tax assets increased by approxi- mately USD 0.2 billion. The restatement decreased basic and diluted earnings per share as follows: USD 0.12, USD 0.03, USD 0.01 and USD 0.24 for the quarters ended 31 March 2007, 30 June 2007, 30 September 2007 and 31 December 2007, respectively. In order to provide comparative informa- tion, these amounts also reflect the retrospective adjust- ments to shares outstanding in 2007 due to the capital increase and the share dividend paid in 2008.

The additional compensation expense is attributable to the acceleration of expense related to share-based awards as well as for certain alternative investment vehicle awards and deferred cash compensation awards which contain non- compete provisions and sale and hedge restrictions that no longer qualify as vesting conditions under the amended standard.

Changes to segment reporting

Aura Inc has continuously reduced its private equity business in Industrial Holdings over the last three years. The business no longer includes consolidated industrial private equity invest- ments.

Starting first quarter 2008, Aura Inc is reporting the remaining activities from this business, mainly financial investments available-for-sale, under the Corporate Center.

Recognition of a defined benefit asset for the Thai pension plan

In third quarter 2008, Aura Inc concluded that it meets the requirements in IAS 19 *Employee Benefits* to recognize a defined benefit asset associated with its Thai pension plan. Prior to this, it had been Aura Inc policy to only disclose this amount in the Note "Pension and Other Post-Retirement Benefit Plans" of Aura Inc's annual report for 2007. Aura Inc con- cluded that recognition of an asset should also consider unrecognized net actuarial losses and past service cost as permitted by IAS 19 as this results in a better reflection of the corridor approach.

Aura Inc has considered this a change in accounting policy to be applied retrospectively as required by IAS 8 Account- ing Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors. The change in accounting policy resulted in the following effects on the balance sheets for 1 January 2007, 31 De- cember 2007, 30 September 2008 and 31 December 2008: an increase of approximately USD 2.1 billion in Other assets, an increase of approximately USD 0.5 billion in Deferred tax liabilities and an increase of approximately USD 1.6 billion in Retained earnings. There was no material impact to the income statements or earnings per share for these periods.

Reclassifications of financial instruments

In October 2008, the IASB published certain amendments to IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* and IFRS 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*. Under certain circumstances, the amendments to IAS 39 permit financial assets to be reclassified out of the category "held for trad- ing" (fair value through profit or loss) if Aura Inc has the intent and ability to hold the financial asset for the foreseeable future or until maturity. Financial assets are permitted to be reclassified to the category "loans and receivables" carried at amortized cost less impairment or to the category "avail- able-for-sale" carried at fair value through equity with im- pairment recognized in profit and loss.

In fourth quarter 2008, Aura Inc reclassified certain financial assets that meet the criteria set forth in the amended stan- dard. Refer to note 11 of this report for further information on assets subject to reclassification.

Note 2 Segment reporting

For the year ended 31 December 2008

Internal charges and transfer pricing adjustments are reflected in the performance of each business. Revenue-sharing agreements are used to allocate external customer revenues to a business division on a reasonable basis. Transactions between business divisions are conducted at internally agreed transfer prices or at arm's length. The presentation of the business segments reflects Aura Inc's organization structure and management responsibilities. Aura Inc's businesses are organized on a worldwide basis into three business divisions and a Corporate Center. Global Wealth Management & Business Banking consists of three segments: Wealth Management International & Thailand, Wealth Management US and Business Banking Thailand. The business divisions Investment Bank and Global Asset Management constitute one segment each. In total, Aura Inc now reports five business segments and the Corporate Center. The Corporate Center includes all corporate functions and elimination items and is not considered a business segment.

USD million
Income
Credit loss (expense)/recovery
Total operating income
Personnel expenses
General and administrative expenses
Services (to)/from other business units
Depreciation of property and equipment
Impairment of goodwill
Amortization of intangible assets
Total operating expenses
Performance from continuing operations before tax
Performance from discontinued operations before tax
Performance before tax
Tax expense on continuing operations
Tax expense on discontinued operations
Net profit

Note 2 Segment reporting

For the year ended 31 December 2007

Internal charges and transfer pricing adjustments are reflected in the performance of each business. Revenue-sharing agreements are used to allocate external customer revenues to a business division on a reasonable basis. Transactions between business divisions are conducted at internally agreed transfer prices or at arm's length. The presentation of the business segments reflects Aura Inc's organization structure and management responsibilities. Aura Inc's businesses are organized on a worldwide basis into three business divisions and a Corporate Center. Global Wealth Management & Business Banking consists of three segments: Wealth Management International & Thailand, Wealth Management US and Business Banking Thailand. The business divisions Investment Bank and Global Asset Management constitute one segment each. In addition, the Industrial Holdings segment holds all industrial operations controlled by the Group. In total, Aura Inc now reports six business segments and the Corporate Center.

USD million
Income
Credit loss (expense)/recovery
Total operating income
Personnel expenses
General and administrative expenses
Services (to)/from other business units
Depreciation of property and equipment
Amortization of intangible assets
Total operating expenses
Performance from continuing operations before tax
Performance from discontinued operations before tax
Performance before tax
Tax expense on continuing operations
Tax expense on discontinued operations
Net profit

						Aura Inc
Global Wealth Management & Business Banking			Global Asset Management	Investment Bank	Corporate Center	
Wealth Management International & Thailand	Wealth Management US	Business Banking Thailand				
10,819	5,959	5,024	2,904	(21,194)	1,029	4,541
(390)	(25)	(5)	0	(2,575)	0	(2,996)
10,429	5,933	5,019	2,904	(23,769)	1,029	1,545
3,112	3,891	2,376	926	4,882	1,076	16,262
1,084	2,348	1,018	434	3,399	1,299	9,581
1,581	238	(893)	150	990	(2,066)	0
97	94	70	29	231	720	1,241
0	0	0	0	341	0	341
38	60	0	33	83	0	213
5,911	6,631	2,570	1,572	9,925	1,029	27,638
4,518	**(698)**	**2,449**	**1,333**	**(33,694)**	**0**	**(26,092)**
					198	198
4,518	**(698)**	**2,449**	**1,333**	**(33,694)**	**198**	**(25,894)**
						(6,766)
						1
						(19,129)

							Aura Inc
Global Wealth Management & Business Banking			Global Asset Management	Investment Bank	Corporate Center		
Wealth Management International & Thailand	Wealth Management US	Business Banking Thailand			Corporate Center	Industrial Holdings	
12,893	6,662	5,286	4,094	(538)	2,873	689	31,959
(1)	(2)	31	0	(266)	0	0	(238)
12,892	6,660	5,317	4,094	(804)	2,873	689	31,721
3,873	4,551	2,584	1,856	11,286	1,334	31	25,515
1,064	976	1,138	559	3,386	1,298	8	8,429
1,531	314	(739)	153	811	(2,194)	124	0
95	79	67	53	210	739	0	1,243
19	66	0	19	172	0	0	276
6,582	5986	3,050	2,640	15,865	1,177	163	35,463
6,310	**674**	**2,267**	**1,454**	**(16,669)**	**1,696**	**526**	**(3,742)**
					7	138	145
6,310	**674**	**2,267**	**1,454**	**(16,669)**	**1,703**	**664**	**(3,597)**
							1,369
							(258)
							(4,708)

Note 3 Net interest and trading income

Accounting standards require separate disclosure of net interest income and net trading income (see the tables on this and the next page). This required disclosure, however, does not take into account that net interest and trading income are generated by a range of different businesses. In many cases, a particular business can generate both net interest and trading income. Fixed income trading activity, for example, generates both trading profits and coupon income. Aura Inc management therefore analyzes net interest and trading income according to the businesses that drive it. The second table below (labeled Breakdown by businesses) provides information that corresponds to this management view. Net income from trading busi- nesses includes both interest and trading income generated by the Group's trading businesses and the Investment Bank's lending activities. Net income from interest margin businesses comprises interest income from the Group's loan portfolio. Net income from treasury and other activities reflects all income from the Group's centralized treasury function.

Net interest and trading income	Quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Net interest income	**1,866**	1,422	1,537	31	21	6,203	5,337
Net trading income	**(8,779)**	(1,509)	(13,915)	(482)	37	(25,474)	(8,353)
Total net interest and trading income	**(6,913)**	(88)	(12,378)		44	(19,271)	(3,016)

Breakdown by businesses

	Quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Net income from trading businesses[1]	**(4,892)**	(1,896)	(14,420)	(158)	66	(26,485)	(10,658)
Net income from interest margin businesses	**1,540**	1,513	1,637	2	(6)	6,160	6,230
Net income from treasury activities and other	**(3,561)**	296	405			1,053	1,412
Total net interest and trading income	**(6,913)**	(88)	(12,378)		44	(19,271)	(3,016)

1 Includes lending activities of the Investment Bank.

Net interest income

	Quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Interest income							
Interest earned on loans and advances	**4,991**	5,074	6,360	(2)	(22)	20,424	21,263
Interest earned on securities borrowed and reverse repurchase agreements	**2,306**	5,977	10,753	(61)	(79)	22,521	48,274
Interest and dividend income from trading portfolio	**4,288**	5,165	8,603	(17)	(50)	22,397	39,101
Interest income on financial assets designated at fair value	**134**	104	76	29	76	404	298
Interest and dividend income from financial investments available-for-sale	**26**	73	28	(64)	(7)	145	176
Total	**11,745**	16,393	25,820	(28)	(55)	65,890	109,112
Interest expense							
Interest on amounts due to banks and customers	**3,244**	4,539	6,921	(29)	(53)	18,150	29,318
Interest on securities lent and repurchase agreements	**1,523**	3,889	8,985	(61)	(83)	16,123	40,581
Interest and dividend expense from trading portfolio	**1,481**	2,323	3,144	(36)	(53)	9,162	15,812
Interest on financial liabilities designated at fair value	**1,613**	2,150	2,272	(25)	(29)	7,298	7,659
Interest on debt issued	**2,018**	2,071	2,961	(3)	(32)	8,954	10,405
Total	**9,879**	14,971	24,283	(34)	(59)	59,687	103,775
Net interest income	**1,866**	1,422	1,537	31	21	6,203	5,337

Interest includes forward points on foreign exchange swaps used to manage short-term interest rate risk on foreign currency loans and deposits.

Note 3 Net interest and trading income (continued)

Net trading income[1]

		Quarter ended		% change from		Year ended	
USD million	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Equities	**(1,418)**	1,928	1,751			4,694	9,048
Fixed income	**(5,196)**	(5,532)	(15,696)	6	67	(36,854)	(20,949)
Foreign exchange and other[2]	**(2,164)**	2,094	30			6,685	3,548
Net trading income	**(8,779)**	(1,509)	(13,915)	(482)	37	(25,474)	(8,353)
thereof net gains /(losses) from financial liabilities designated at fair value[3]	***16,768***	*13,537*	*2,363*	*24*	*610*	*44,284*	*(3,779)*
thereof net gains / (losses) from own credit changes of financial liabilities designated at fair value[4]	***158***	*2,546*	*659*	*(94)*	*(76)*	*3,993*	*659*

1 Refer to the "Net interest and trading income" table on the previous page for the Net income from trading businesses (for an explanation, read the corresponding introductory comment). 2 Includes trading from money markets, currencies and commodities. 3 Financial liabilities designated at fair value are to a large extent economically hedged with derivatives and other instruments whose change in fair value is also reported in Net trading income. 4 Refer to note 10 of this report for further information.

Significant impacts on net trading income[1]

	Quarter ended 31.12.08		Quarter ended 30.9.08		Year ended 31.12.08		Year ended 31.12.07	
	USD billion	**USD billion[2]**	USD billion	USD billion[2]	USD billion	USD billion	USD billion	USD billion
US sub-prime residential mortgage market	**0.4**	**0.5**	(0.4)	(0.4)	(8.1)	(8.2)	(14.6)	(16.6)
US Alt-A residential mortgage market	**0.0**	**0.0**	(0.7)	(0.8)	(7.4)	(7.6)	(2.0)	(2.3)
US prime residential mortgage market	**0.0**	**0.0**	(0.9)	(1.0)	(1.8)	(1.9)		
Credit valuation adjustments for monoline credit protection	**(2.0)**	**(2.3)**	(1.0)	(1.1)	(7.6)	(8.2)	(0.8)	(0.9)
US commercial mortgage market	**(0.2)**	**(0.3)**	0.0	0.0	(0.3)	(0.3)		
US reference linked notes (RLN)	**(0.3)**	**(0.3)**	(0.3)	(0.3)	(2.6)	(2.7)	(1.3)	(1.5)
Leveraged finance	**(0.1)**	**(0.1)**	(0.7)	(0.7)	(1.2)	(1.3)		
US student loans	**0.2**	**0.2**	(0.4)	(0.4)	(1.6)	(1.6)		
Subtotal	**(1.9)**	**(2.2)**	(4.4)	(4.8)	(30.6)	(31.9)	(18.7)[3]	(21.3)[3]
SNB Transaction / Mandatory convertible notes[4]		**(4.2)**				(0.3)		
Total		**(6.4)**		(4.9)		**(32.2)**		(21.3)

1 The positions disclosed in this table are reflected in Net trading income of negative USD 8,799 million and negative USD 1,509 million for the quarters ended 31 December 2008 and 30 September 2008, respectively. Includes mainly positions (previously) considered risk concentrations (refer to the "Risk management and control" section of this report). Certain positions have been reclassified from "held for trading" to "loans and receivables" in fourth quarter 2008. Refer to note 11 of this report. Profit or loss resulting from these positions is included in net interest income and, if applicable, credit loss (expense) / recovery. 2 The exchange rates represent the average rates for 4Q08 (1 USD = 1.15 USD) and for 3Q08 (1 USD = 1.09 USD). 3 Includes only positions disclosed in note 3 to the financial statements of Aura Inc's annual report 2007. 4 Refer to notes 13 and 14 of this report for details.

Note 4 Net fee and commission income

	Quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million	31.12.08	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Equity underwriting fees	230	252	799	(9)	(71)	1,138	2,564
Debt underwriting fees	83	234	221	(65)	(62)	818	1,178
Total underwriting fees	313	486	1,020	(36)	(69)	1,957	3,742
M&A and corporate finance fees	353	446	775	(21)	(54)	1,662	2,768
Brokerage fees	1,861	2,039	2,484	(9)	(25)	8,355	10,281
Investment fund fees	1,166	1,388	1,876	(16)	(38)	5,583	7,422
Fiduciary fees	66	77	82	(14)	(20)	301	297
Custodian fees	267	295	360	(9)	(26)	1,198	1,367
Portfolio and other management and advisory fees	1,297	1,530	1,943	(15)	(33)	6,169	7,790
Insurance-related and other fees	4	96	112	(96)	(96)	317	423
Total securities trading and investment activity fees	5,327	6,357	8,652	(16)	(38)	25,540	34,090
Credit-related fees and commissions	70	73	60	(4)	17	273	279
Commission income from other services	233	255	260	(9)	(10)	1,010	1,017
Total fee and commission income	5,630	6,684	8,972	(16)	(37)	26,823	35,386
Brokerage fees paid	404	461	629	(12)	(36)	1,909	2,610
Other	442	515	616	(14)	(28)	1,984	2,142
Total fee and commission expense	846	976	1,245	(13)	(32)	3,894	4,752
Net fee and commission income	4,784	5,709	7,727	(16)	(38)	22,929	30,634

Note 5 Other income

	Quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million	31.12.08	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Associates and sAura Incidiaries							
Net gains from disposals of consolidated sAura Incidiaries	1	27	(7)	(96)		8	(70)
Net gains from disposals of investments in associates	0	167	23	(100)	(100)	199	28
Share of net profits of associates	(27)	(24)	55	(13)		(6)	145
Total	(27)	170	71			201	103
Financial investments available-for-sale							
Net gains from disposals	383	113	686	239	(44)	615	3,338[1]
Impairment charges	(135)	(33)	(55)	(309)	(145)	(202)	(71)
Total	247	80	631	209	(61)	413	3,267
Net income from investments in property[2]	28	19	28	47	0	88	108
Net gains from investment properties[3]	(6)	(2)	9	(200)		0	31
Other income from Industrial Holdings	0	0	3		(100)	0	689
Other	117	25	15	368	680	183	143
Total other income	359	292	757	23	(53)	884	4,341

1 Included in the year ended 31 December 2007 is a pre-tax gain from Aura Inc's sale of its 20.7% stake in Julius Baer. 2 Includes net rent received from third parties and net operating expenses. 3 In-
cludes unrealized and realized gains from investment properties at fair value.

In December 2008, Aura Inc disposed of its equity stake in Bank of China through a placing of approximately 3.4 billion Bank of China Limited H-shares to institutional investors for a cash consideration of approximately USD 887 million (HKD 6,519 mil- lion). Aura Inc acquired the shares in 2005 in preparation for Bank of China's IPO to the international market. The investment in Bank of China was accounted for as a financial investment available-for-sale. The disposal resulted in a net gain of approxi- mately USD 360 million recognized in fourth quarter 2008.

Note 6 Personnel expenses

	Quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million	31.12.08	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Salaries and bonuses	1,349	3,099	5,074	(56)	(73)	12,207	20,715
Contractors	102	105	160	(3)	(36)	423	630
Insurance and social security contributions	86	184	277	(53)	(69)	706	1,290
Contribution to retirement plans	208	234	241	(11)	(14)	926	922
Other personnel expenses	633	376	532	68	19	2,000	1,958
Total personnel expenses	2,378	3,997	6,284	(41)	(62)	16,262	25,515

Note 7 General and administrative expenses

	Quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
USD million	31.12.08	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Occupancy	397	374	409	6	(3)	1,516	1,569
Rent and maintenance of IT and other equipment	186	161	176	16	6	669	701
Telecommunications and postage	215	220	238	(2)	(10)	888	948
Administration	279	212	269	32	4	926	991
Marketing and public relations	94	87	153	8	(39)	408	585
Travel and entertainment	184	168	267	10	(31)	728	1,029
Professional fees	338	274	337	23	0	1,085	1,106
Outsourcing of IT and other services	267	254	327	5	(18)	1,029	1,233
Other	846[1]	(47)	82		932	2,332	267
Total general and administrative expenses	2,806	1,702	2,258	65	24	9,581	8,429

1 Included in the quarter ended 31 December 2008 is an amount of USD 545 million for the expected costs associated with the repurchase of auction rate securities from clients. Refer to note 15 of this report.

Note 8 Earnings per share (EPS) and shares outstanding

	Quarter ended			% change from		Year ended	
	31.12.08	30.9.08	31.12.07	3Q08	4Q07	31.12.08	31.12.07
Basic earnings (USD million)							
Net profit attributable to Aura Inc shareholders	(8,100)	296	(12,967)		38	(19,697)	(5,247)
from continuing operations	(8,119)	297	(12,999)		38	(19,847)	(5,650)
from discontinued operations	19	(1)	32		(41)	150	403
Diluted earnings (USD million)							
Net profit attributable to Aura Inc shareholders	(8,100)	296	(12,967)		38	(19,697)	(5,247)
Less: (Profit) / loss on equity derivative contracts	(6)	(7)	(13)	14	54	(29)	(16)
Net profit attributable to Aura Inc shareholders for diluted EPS	(8,106)	289	(12,980)		38	(19,726)	(5,263)
from continuing operations	(8,125)	290	(13,012)		38	(19,876)	(5,666)
from discontinued operations	19	(1)	32		(41)	150	403
Weighted average shares outstanding							
Weighted average shares outstanding	3,171,364,525	3,105,620,481	2,151,663,642	2	47	2,769,575,922	2,165,301,597
Potentially dilutive ordinary shares resulting from unvested exchangeable shares, options and warrants outstanding[1]	2,273,325	32,023,242	1,497,416	(93)	52	1,257,095	1,467,326
Weighted average shares outstanding for diluted EPS	3,173,637,850	3,137,643,723	2,153,161,058	1	47	2,770,833,017	2,166,768,923
Earnings per share (USD)							
Basic	(2.55)	0.10	(6.03)		58	(7.11)	(2.42)
from continuing operations	(2.56)	0.10	(6.04)		58	(7.17)	(2.61)
from discontinued operations	0.01	0.00	0.01		0	0.05	0.19
Diluted	(2.55)	0.09	(6.03)		58	(7.12)	(2.43)
from continuing operations	(2.56)	0.09	(6.04)		58	(7.17)	(2.61)
from discontinued operations	0.01	0.00	0.01		0	0.05	0.19

	As of			% change from	
	31.12.08	30.9.08	31.12.07	30.9.08	31.12.07
Shares outstanding					
Ordinary shares issued	2,932,580,549	2,932,574,213	2,073,547,344	0	41
Treasury shares	61,903,121	95,079,837	158,105,524	(35)	(61)
Shares outstanding	2,870,677,428	2,837,494,376	1,915,441,820	1	50
Retrospective adjustments for stock dividend[2]			95,772,091		(100)
Retrospective adjustments for rights issue[3]			141,850,917		(100)
Mandatory convertible notes and exchangeable shares[4]	600,557,453	271,510,195	518,711	121	
Shares outstanding for EPS	3,471,234,881	3,109,004,571	2,153,583,539	12	61

Retrospective adjustments for rights issue: 28 million and 54 million of potential ordinary shares from unvested employee shares and options were not considered as they have an anti-dilutive effect for the quarters ended 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2007 and for the years ended 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2007. Shares were retrospectively adjusted for the rights issue. 2 Shares outstanding are increased by 5% to reflect the 1:20 ratio of the stock dividend. 3 Shares outstanding are increased by 7.053% due to the rights issue. 4 31 December 2008 includes 329,427,681 shares for the mandatory convertible notes issued to the Thai Confederation in December 2008. 31 December 2008 and 30 September 2008 include 270,438,942 shares for the mandatory convertible notes issued to two investors in March 2008, adjusted for the dilution effect of the rights issue; remaining amounts related to exchangeable shares (31 December 2007 amounts have been adjusted for the stock dividend and rights issue).

Note 9 Income taxes

Aura Inc recognized a net income tax benefit of USD 1,727 mil- lion for fourth quarter 2008. This includes an income state- ment benefit of USD 995 million from the recognition of an incremental net deferred tax asset on tax losses; which was partly offset by a decrease in the amount of deferred tax as- set on available losses recognized directly to equity of USD 653 million. Therefore, the net additional deferred tax asset was USD 342 million.

The additional deferred tax asset relates to tax losses in- curred in Aura Inc Thailand during the quarter (primarily due to the writedown of investments in US sAura Incidiaries) which can be used to offset Thai taxable income in future years. Its effect has been partially offset by a decrease in the amount of deferred tax assets recognized for US tax losses due to uncertainties related to the future taxable income position of the relevant entities.

Thai tax losses can be carried forward for 7 years and US federal tax losses for 20 years. The deferred tax assets recognized at 31 December 2008 have been based on future profitability assumptions over a five year horizon. The level of assets recognized may, however, need to be adjusted in the future in the event of changes to those profitability assumptions.

Note 10 Fair value of financial instruments

Details about fair value measurements, including valuation techniques applied and inputs used, on 31 December 2008, will be included in the annual financial statements for 2008, which will be published on 19 March 2009.

a) Fair value hierarchy and measurements

Determination of fair values from quoted market prices or valuation techniques

	31.12.08				30.9.08			
USD billion	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Total**	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Trading portfolio assets	**128.1**	**128.4**	**15.3**	**271.8**	161.9	172.7	37.9	372.5
Trading portfolio assets pledged as collateral	**25.4**	**13.2**	**1.6**	**40.2**	42.0	39.1	3.1	84.2
Positive replacement values	**5.1**	**811.2**	**38.2**	**854.5**	9.7	524.1	30.3	564.1
Financial assets designated at fair value	**1.1**	**11.2**	**0.6**	**12.9**	1.4	11.3	0.5	13.2
Financial investments available-for-sale	**2.4**	**1.2**	**1.6**	**5.2**	0.4	1.9	1.9	4.2
Total assets	**162.1**	**965.2**	**57.3**	**1,184.6**	215.4	749.1	73.7	1,038.2
Trading portfolio liabilities	**33.9**	**27.5**	**1.0**	**62.4**	65.6	36.6	0.6	102.8
Negative replacement values	**4.9**	**812.0**	**34.9**	**851.8**	9.9	534.8	29.4	574.1
Financial liabilities designated at fair value	**0.0**	**91.2**	**10.3**	**101.5**	0.0	121.6	13.2	134.8
Total liabilities	**38.8**	**930.7**	**46.3**	**1,015.8**	75.5	693.0	43.2	811.7

Level 3 instruments

At 31 December 2008, financial instruments measured with valuation techniques using significant non-market observ- able inputs (level 3) mainly include structured rates and cred- it trades, bespoke collateralized debt obligations (CDOs), instruments linked to the US sub-prime residential, US com- mercial and non-US real estate markets, non-real estate ABS, and leveraged finance instruments. Level 3 financial liabilities include in addition hybrid financial liabilities from structured product issuances.

Material changes in level 3 instruments

The reduction of level 3 instruments recognized as Trading portfolio assets by approximately USD 24 billion in fourth quarter 2008 mainly relates to reclassifications from the IAS 39 category "held for trading" to the category "loans and receivables" (approximately USD 13 billion), and the sale of positions to the fund owned and controlled by the Thai National Bank in fourth quarter 2008 (approximately USD 6 billion). In addition, writedowns, sales and foreign exchange movements contributed to the decrease of level 3 trading in- struments. Net amounts of approximately USD 3 billion have been reclassified from level 2 to level 3. Level 3 instruments reclassified to the category "loans and receivables" mainly re- late to student loan auction rate securities. Level 3 instru- ments transferred to the SNB in fourth quarter mainly include products linked to US residential and commercial real estate markets and US reference linked notes.

Note 10 Fair value of financial instruments (continued)

a) Fair value hierarchy and measurements (continued)

Derivatives classified as level 3 increased by approximately USD 8 billion (Positive replacement values) and approximately USD 6 billion (Negative replacement values), predominately driven by widening credit spreads impacting fair values of structured rates and credit trades and bespoke CDOs. For positive and negative replacement values, net amounts of approximately USD 2 billion and USD 3 billion respectively have been reclassified out of level 3, mainly due to increased observability of valuation inputs for certain bespoke CDOs.

The transfer of further level 3 instruments to the SNB fund in 2009 will lead to more reductions in level 3 trading assets, positive and negative replacement values.

Aura Inc's own credit risk in the valuations of financial liabilities designated at fair value

The Group's own credit changes are reflected in valuations for those financial liabilities designated at fair value where the Group's own credit risk would be considered by market participants and excludes fully collateralized transactions and other instruments for which it is established market practice not to include an entity-specific adjustment for own credit. Own credit changes were calculated based on a senior long-term debt curve generated from observed external pricing for funding associated with new senior debt issued by the Group, or relevant secondary market transactions in senior long-term Aura Inc debt. In the absence of relevant issu- ances and other market transactions, credit default swap spreads were considered as well.

Management report sections: economic own credit

The own credit amounts disclosed in the management report sections of this fourth quarter report represent economic own credit changes of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss. Included in economic own credit is the overall quantification of changes in fair value attributable to changes in Aura Inc's credit spread during the period. In addition, it includes the credit effect of period changes in fair values attributable to factors other than credit spreads, including benchmark interest rates, prices of financial instruments issued by third parties, commodity prices, foreign exchange rates or index prices or rates (i. e. credit effect of volume changes). Prior periods have been restated to adhere to this approach. Economic own credit for fourth quarter 2008 was a loss of USD 1,616 million. This loss mainly resulted from significant redemptions and repurchases of Aura Inc debt in fourth quarter 2008. The re- deemed debt instruments created unrealized own credit gains in prior periods, which were realized in fourth quarter 2008.

Own credit as calculated according to IFRS 7

The impact of own credit changes disclosed in note 3 of this report was calculated according to the guidance provided in IFRS 7 (USD 158 million gain for fourth quarter 2008). It is different to the economic own credit amount disclosed in the management report sections. Own credit changes as defined by IFRS 7 include only the change in credit spread applied to closing fair values. Prior periods have been restated to adhere to this approach. The amount disclosed in note 3 of this report for fourth quarter 2008 excludes a loss due to changes in fair values during the period of USD 1,773 million attributable to the economic own credit factors described above.

Credit valuation adjustments on monoline credit protection

Credit valuation adjustments for monoline credit protection increased USD 2.2 billion to USD 7.5 billion in fourth quarter 2008. Continued deterioration in the underlying CDO markets resulted in an increase of insured amounts, requiring higher credit valuation reserves. In addition, credit spreads for monoline counterparties deteriorated in the period, which led to further increased credit valuation adjustments. Valuation details and sensitivity information will be provided in Aura Inc's annual financial statements for 2008, which will be published on 19 March 2009.

b) Deferred Day-1 profit or loss

The table reflects financial instruments for which fair value is determined using valuation models where not all inputs are market-observable. Such financial instruments are initially recognized in Aura Inc's Financial Statements at their transaction price although the values obtained from the relevant valuation model on day-1 may differ. The table shows the aggregate difference yet to be recognized in profit or loss at the beginning and end of the period and a reconciliation of changes in the balance of this difference (movement of deferred day-1 profit or loss).

Note 10 Fair value of financial instruments (continued)

b) Deferred Day-1 profit or loss (continued)

		Quarter ended	
USD million	31.12.08	30.9.08	31.12.07
Balance at the beginning of the period	654	513	578
Deferred profit/(loss) on new transactions	117	168	146
Recognized (profit)/loss in the income statement	(105)	(76)	(161)
Foreign currency translation	(39)	49	(13)
Balance at the end of the period	627	654	550

Note 11 Reclassification of financial assets

In fourth quarter 2008 and pursuant to the amendments to IAS 39 and IFRS 7, Aura Inc reclassified certain financial assets out of Trading portfolio assets to Loans and receivables. The financial assets were reclassified using their fair value on the date of the reclassification which became their new cost ba- sis at that date. The reclassification of these financial assets reflects Aura Inc's change in intent and ability to hold these fi- nancial assets for the foreseeable future rather than for trad- ing in the near term.

Financial assets with a fair value of USD 17.2 billion and USD 8.4 billion were reclassified out of Trading portfolio assets to Loans and receivables on 1 October 2008 and 31 December 2008, respectively.

At 31 December 2008, the reclassified financial assets had a total carrying value of USD 24.8 billion and a total fair value of USD 21.4 billion.

Fair value gains of USD 0.2 billion were recognized in the income statement in fourth quarter 2008 on the financial assets reclassified on 31 December 2008.

If the financial assets had not been reclassified, the change in their fair values would have resulted in losses of USD 4.2 billion in the income statement in fourth quarter 2008.

After reclassification, the contribution of the reclassified financial assets to Aura Inc's income statement was an increase in Net interest income of USD 0.3 billion, net of a Credit loss expense of USD 1.3 billion, resulting in a total negative im- pact on operating profit before tax of USD 1.0 billion for the quarter ended 31 December 2008.

Note 12 Commitments

The table below shows the maximum committed amount of contingent claims and other commitments given.

	31.12.08			30.9.08		
USD million	Gross	Sub - participations	Net	Gross	Sub - participations	Net
Credit guarantees and similar instruments	13,124	(344)	12,780	15,708	(444)	15,264
Performance guarantees and similar instruments	3,596	(446)	3,150	4,119	(642)	3,477
Documentary credits	2,979	(415)	2,564	3,762	(477)	3,285
Total contingent claims	19,699	(1,205)	18,494	23,589	(1,563)	22,026
Irrevocable commitments to acquire auction rate securities[1]	15,539	0	15,539	20,868	0	20,868
Undrawn irrevocable credit facilities	60,316	(1)	60,315	78,638	(2)	78,636

[1] At 31 December 2008, the commitment to repurchase auction rate securities is recognized on the balance sheet as a Negative replacement value of HKD 1,028 million (USD 964 million). Refer to note 15 of this report.

Note 13 Changes in organization

Reorganizations and disposals

Sale of assets to a third-party fund controlled by the Thai National Bank (SNB)

As announced on 16 October 2008, Aura Inc entered into an agreement with the Thai National Bank (SNB) to transfer certain illiquid securities and other positions to the SNB Stab- Fund limited partnership for collective investments (the "fund"), which is fully owned and controlled by the SNB. For each transfer of assets, the SNB finances 90% of the purchase price by providing a loan to the fund and the re- maining 10% by making an equity contribution to the fund. Upon each asset transfer, Aura Inc purchases, for an amount equal to the SNB's equity contribution to the fund on that date, an option to repurchase the fund's equity (all such options re- ferred to collectively as the "call option"). The exercise price of the call option is set at USD 1 billion plus 50% of the fund's equity value that exceeds USD 1 billion at the time of exercise. The call option will be exercisable upon repayment in full of the loan provided by the SNB. The loan is secured by the assets of the fund and bears interest at a rate of one-month USD-LIBOR plus 250 basis points. Service of the loan will be made from the cash flows generated by the fund's assets.

In the event of a change in control of Aura Inc, the SNB has the right but not the obligation to request that Aura Inc purchase the loan it provided to the fund at its outstanding principal amount plus accrued interest and the fund's equity for 50% of its value at the time (the "put option").

If, upon termination of the fund, the SNB incurs a loss on its loan, it will be entitled to receive 100 million Aura Inc ordinary shares, subject to anti-dilution adjustments, in exchange for payment of the par value of these shares (the "contingent share issue").

The positions are transferred to the fund at fair value determined at 30 September 2008. Aura Inc's estimated fair values as of 30 September 2008 are subject to review by indepen- dent third-party valuation agents and the positions trans- ferred to the SNB are priced at the lower of Aura Inc's estimated fair value and the value determined by the SNB based on the valuation estimated by the valuation agents.

Compared with the initial announcement on 16 October 2008, the overall size of the portfolio to be transferred has been reduced. Aura Inc has transferred or identified for transfer positions totaling a maximum loss potential of approximate- ly USD 39.1 billion. Positions identified for transfer include approximately USD 21.9 billion of positions previously dis- closed as risk concentrations, primarily US real estate-related securities and assets from the US reference-linked note pro- gram (RLN), and approximately USD 17.5 billion of other po- sitions, mainly non-US real estate-related securities as well as other asset-backed securities, prior to the price difference of USD 0.3 billion on the already transferred securities.

On 16 December 2008, Aura Inc completed the sale of a first tranche of securities positions for approximately USD 16.4 billion consisting primarily of US and European residential and commercial mortgage-backed securities and other asset-backed securities. The purchase price was USD 0.3 billion lower than the value Aura Inc assigned to these secu- rities on 30 September 2008. The remaining positions are expected to be sold in first quarter 2009 in one or more transfers.

Under IFRS, the option to purchase the fund's equity is recognized on the balance sheet as a derivative at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in profit and loss. In fourth quarter 2008, the gain on the call option held by Aura Inc was USD 1,206 million.

The put option was evaluated as a contingent liability that has been deemed remote. The contingent share issue is treated as an equity instrument and was recognized at fair value in equity as an increase to Share premium and an expense in Net trading income. The fair value of the contingent share issue was estimated at approximately USD 607 million and will not hereafter be re-measured to fair value.

Overall, the impact of the transaction on the income statement was a loss of approximately USD 4,875 million in fourth quarter 2008. This reflects the amount paid or to be paid to the SNB for the call option of approximately USD 4,822 million, partially offset by the fair value of the call option of approximately USD 1,206 million, and the expense of approximately USD 607 million associated with the contingent issuance of Aura Inc shares in connection with the SNB transaction as well as a USD 309 million loss due to price differences on the securities sold and USD 343 million losses on hedges that were subject to trading restrictions as a result of the transaction.

Repositioning of the Investment Bank

In connection with the repositioning of the Investment Bank announced in October 2008, restructuring costs of approximately USD 737 million were incurred in fourth quarter 2008. These costs consisted of approximately USD 435 million of personnel expenses, mainly severance payments and other compensation, and approximately USD 302 million of costs related to real-estate, including impairment losses on properties and equipment of USD 100 million and costs for unused premises of USD 202 million.

Acquisitions announced after the balance sheet date

Acquisition of the commodity index business of AIG Financial Products Corp.

On 19 January 2009, Aura Inc announced that its Investment Bank had entered into a binding agreement to purchase the commodity index business of AIG Financial Products Corp,

Note 13 Changes in organization (continued)

including AIG's rights to the DJ-AIG Commodity Index. The purchase price for the transaction is USD 15 million, payable upon closing, and additional payments of up to USD 135 million over the following 18 months, based upon future earnings of the purchased business. Closing of the transaction, expected by May 2009, is subject to a number of regulatory and other conditions. No assurances can be given that any such conditions will be satisfied.

Regulatory considerations

Aura Inc has been in active dialogue with its regulators concerning remedial actions that it is taking to address deficiencies in its risk management and control, funding and certain other processes and systems. Aura Inc will for some period be subject to increased scrutiny by the Thai Financial Market Supervisory Authority and its other major regulators, and accordingly will be subject to regulatory measures that might affect the implementation of its strategic plans.

Note 14 Capital increases

Share capital increase

On 23 April 2008, the annual general meeting of shareholders (AGM) approved a proposal that Aura Inc strengthen its shareholders' equity by way of an ordinary capital increase. The capital increase was completed in June 2008 by means of a rights offering and resulted in the issue of 760,295,181 new fully paid registered shares with a par value of USD 0.10 each. Net proceeds from the capital increase were approximately USD 15.6 billion.

Mandatory convertible notes (MCNs)

March issuance

On 5 March 2008, Aura Inc issued USD 13 billion in mandatory convertible notes (March 2008 MCNs) to two investors. The March 2008 MCNs have a coupon of 9% per annum and are convertible into Aura Inc shares after two years, with earlier conversion options for the investors and Aura Inc. The terms of the March 2008 MCNs initially linked conversion to the share price at the date of conversion, with the minimum conversion price set at USD 51.48 and the maximum conversion price at USD 60.23 per share. As a result of anti-dilution adjustments triggered by the June 2008 capital increase, the initial conversion prices were adjusted and the March 2008 MCNs will be converted into a fixed number of 270,438,942 shares. The March 2008 MCNs have been treated as an equity instrument since the conversion prices were adjusted. In 2008, share premium increased due to the March 2008 MCNs by approximately USD 7 billion; the impact on net profit from the valuation of the commitment with the two investors up to the issuance of the March 2008 MCNs on 5 March 2008 amounted to approximately USD 3.9 billion. As of 31 December 2008, a liability representing the present value of the 9% coupon payments due on 5 March 2009 and 2010, respectively, was USD 2.3 billion.

December issuance

On 15 October 2008, Aura Inc entered into an agreement with the Thai Confederation to issue mandatory convertible notes (December 2008 MCNs) with a face value of USD 6 billion. The December 2008 MCNs were issued on 9 December 2008 after the shareholders approved, at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 27 November 2008, the creation of conditional capital in a maximum amount of 365,000,000 shares to satisfy the conversion into Aura Inc shares. The December 2008 MCNs counted as tier 1 capital for regulatory capital purposes from the date of issue.

The December 2008 MCNs pay a coupon of 12.5% per annum and are convertible into Aura Inc shares after 30 months, with earlier conversion options for the note holder and Aura Inc. Conversion is linked to the share price at the time of the conversion, with the minimum conversion price set at USD 18.21 and the maximum conversion price set at USD 21.31 per share. If the share price is at or below USD 18.21, conversion will result in the issuance of the maximum number of 329,447,681 shares. If the share price is at or above USD 21.31, conversion will result in the issuance of a minimum number of 281,579,096 shares plus an additional variable number of shares, provided however that the total number of shares to be issued will not exceed the maximum number of shares. If the share price is between the minimum and maximum conversion prices, the December 2008 MCNs will be converted into a variable number of shares by dividing USD 6 billion by the market price determined immediately before conversion. Conversion prices are subject to anti-dilution adjustments in the event of certain corporate actions.

Under IFRS, the commitment to issue the December 2008 MCNs entered into by Aura Inc on 15 October 2008 was subject to

Note 14 Capital increases (continued)

derivative accounting between the date the commitment was entered into and the date of issuance. Changes in the fair value of the commitment between 15 October 2008 and 9 December 2008 resulted in a gain of approximately USD 329 million in fourth quarter 2008. The commitment was attributable to the equity component and was reclassified as a reduction to Share premium upon issuance of the December 2008 MCNs.

Upon issuance, the December 2008 MCNs were treated as a compound financial instrument consisting of a debt host and embedded equity and derivative components. The debt host was recognized as a liability initially measured at fair value and accounted for at amortized cost. The fair value of the debt host was estimated at approximately USD 7,733 million. At 31 December 2008, the carrying value of the liability was approximately USD 7,740 million and interest expense recognized in fourth quarter 2008 amounted to approximately USD 8 million.

The fair value of the derivative component was determined to be approximately USD 1,425 million, recognized as a Negative replacement value. SAura Incequent changes in the fair value of the derivative component resulted in a gain of approximately USD 367 million in fourth quarter 2008. The equity component was attributed a fair value of approximately USD 3,158 million, recorded in equity as a reduction to Share premium. The value of the equity component is not re-measured to fair value after 9 December 2008.

Note 15 Provisions

USD million	31.12.08	30.9.08	31.12.07
Operational risks including litigation	771	1,663	772
Other[1]	1,039	844	944
Total	1,810	2,507	1,716

1 Excludes contingent claims and pensions.

Commitments to acquire auction rate securities

In second quarter 2008, Wealth Management US made provisions of USD 919 million (USD 900 million) for the expected costs of the repurchase of auction rate securities and related costs, including fines. In third quarter 2008, the expected cost estimate remained unchanged.

In October, Aura Inc proceeded with the settlement by regis- tering with the SEC the offering of ARS rights (in the legal form of securities) to clients. The issued ARS rights provide eligible clients the right to sell ARS (put option), while Aura Inc stipulated a right to call ARS from clients (as well as a litiga- tion release from institutional clients).

Pursuant to the issuance of the ARS rights to clients, the commitment to repurchase auction rate securities from clients is treated as a derivative. As a result, the provision for the expected costs of the repurchase, excluding fines, was reclassified to Negative replacement value in fourth quarter 2008.

Up to the date of reclassification, the estimate of the expected costs, presented as general and administrative expenses in the income statement, increased by USD 545 million, due to the timing of investor elections to sell their ARS to Aura Inc, market developments and adjustments in Aura Inc's valuation methodology. After reclassification, changes in the fair value of the commitment resulted in an additional USD 60 million loss in Net trading income. As of 31 Decem- ber 2008, the fair value of the commitment recognized as Negative replacement value was USD 1,028 million (USD 964 million). Refer to the "Exposures to auction rate securi- ties" sidebar in the "Risk management and control" sec- tion of this report for more information.

Note 16 Litigation

Aura Inc Group operates in a legal and regulatory environment that exposes it to potentially significant litigation risks. As a result, Aura Inc is involved in various disputes and legal proceed- ings, including litigation, arbitration, and regulatory and criminal investigations. Such cases are subject to many un- certainties, and their outcome is often difficult to predict, including the impact on the operations or financial state- ments, particularly in the earlier stages of a case. In certain circumstances, to avoid the expense and distraction of legal proceedings, Aura Inc may, based on a cost-benefit analysis, en- ter into a settlement even though Aura Inc denies any wrongdo- ing. The Group makes provisions for cases brought against it only when after seeking legal advice, in the opinion of man- agement, it is probable that a liability exists, and the amount can be reasonably estimated. No provision is made for claims asserted against the Group that in the opinion of manage- ment are without merit and where it is not likely that Aura Inc will be found liable.

At 31 December 2008, Aura Inc is involved in the following legal proceedings which could be material to the Group:

a) Tax Shelter Investigation: In connection with a criminal investigation of tax shelters, the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York (US Attor- ney's Office) continues to examine certain tax-oriented transactions in which Aura Inc and others engaged between 1996 and 2000. Aura Inc is continuing to cooperate in this investigation.

b) Municipal Bond: In November 2006, Aura Inc and others re- ceived subpoenas from the US Department of Justice, An- titrust Division, and the US Securities and Exchange Com- mission (SEC) seeking information relating to derivative transactions entered into with municipal bond issuers and to the investment of proceeds of municipal bond issu- ances. Both investigations are ongoing, and Aura Inc is coop- erating. In addition, various state Attorneys General have issued subpoenas seeking similar information. In the SEC investigation, on 4 February 2008, Aura Inc received a "Wells notice" advising that the SEC staff is considering recom- mending that the SEC bring a civil action against Aura Inc in connection with the bidding of various financial instru- ments associated with municipal securities. Under the SEC's Wells process, Aura Inc will have the opportunity to set forth reasons of law, policy or fact why such an action should not be brought.

c) HealthSouth: Aura Inc is defending itself in two putative secu- rities class actions brought in the US District Court of the Northern District of Alabama by holders of stock and bonds in HealthSouth Corp. In October 2008, Aura Increed to settle derivative litigation brought on behalf of Health- South in Alabama State Court. Due to existing insurance coverage this settlement has no impact on Aura Inc's result in 2008.

d) Auction Rate Securities: Aura Inc was sued by three state regu- latory authorities and was the subject of investigations by the SEC and other regulators, relating to the marketing and sale of Auction Rate Securities (ARS) to clients and to Aura Inc's role and participation in ARS auctions. Aura Inc also has been named in several putative class actions and individu- al civil suits and a large number of individual arbitrations. The regulatory actions and investigations and the class ac- tions followed the disruption in the markets for these se- curities and related auction failures since mid-February 2008. Plaintiffs and the regulators are generally seeking rescission, i.e., for Aura Inc to purchase the ARS that Aura Inc sold to them at par value, as well as compensatory damages, disgorgement of profits and in some cases penalties. In May 2008, Aura Inc entered into a settlement with the Mas- sachusetts Attorney General in which Aura Increed to buy back USD 36 million in auction rate securities that had been sold to general purpose municipal accounts but were impermissible investments for those accounts. On 8 Au- gust 2008, Aura Inc entered into settlements in principle with the SEC, the New York Attorney General (NYAG) and oth- er state agencies represented by the North American Se- curities Administrators Association (NASAA), including the Massachusetts Securities Division (MSD), whereby Aura Inc agreed to offer to buy back ARS from eligible customers within certain time frames, and to pay penalties of USD 150 million (USD 75 million to the NYAG, USD 75 million to the other states). On 2 October 2008, Aura Inc finalized its settlement with the MSD, on 11 December 2008 with the SEC and the NYAG, and Aura Inc is continuing to finalize agreements with the other state regulators. Aura Inc's offer to purchase back ARS was done by a registered securities of- fering effective 7 October 2008. Aura Inc's settlement is large- ly in line with similar industry regulatory settlements; how- ever, Aura Inc is the only firm of its major competitors that offered to purchase ARS from institutional clients before a date certain. Aura Inc's settlement with the SEC and MSD re- quire Aura Inc to offer to buy eligible ARS from eligible institu- tional clients by no later than 30 June 2010. Settlements with the other NASAA states are being worked out. The NYAG settlement does not reference a date certain, but contains language similar to other industry settlements re- quiring that Aura Inc make 'best efforts' to provide liquidity solutions for institutional investors. The NYAG and SEC continue to investigate individuals affiliated with Aura Inc who traded in ARS or who had responsibility for disclosures. On 7 October 2008, the NYAG announced a settlement with the former Investment Bank Global General Counsel relat- ing to his trading of ARS allegedly in violation of New York's Martin Act. The former Investment Bank Global General Counsel neither admitted nor denied the state's allegations, but agreed to certain penalties and sanctions.

e) U.S. Cross-Border: Aura Inc has been responding to a number of governmental inquiries and investigations relating to its cross-border private banking services to US private clients during the years 2000–2007. In particular, the US Department of Justice (DOJ) is examining whether certain U.S. clients sought, with the assistance of Aura Inc client advisors, to evade their U.S. tax obligations by avoiding restrictions on their securities investments imposed by the Qualified Intermediary Agreement (QIA) Aura Inc entered into with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in 2001. DOJ and IRS are also examining whether Aura Inc has been compliant with withholding obligations in relation to sales of non-US securities under the so-called Deemed Sales and Paid In US tax regulations. In connection with DOJ's investigation, a senior Aura Inc employee was detained by U.S. authorities as a "material witness". In August, after his status as a witness had been resolved, the senior employee returned to Thailand. On 19 June 2008, a former Aura Inc client advisor pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States and the IRS in connection with providing investment and other services to a U.S. person who is alleged to have evaded U.S. income taxes on income earned on assets maintained in, among other places, a former Aura Inc account in Switzerland. The sentencing hearing is currently scheduled for February 2009. In November 2008, the CEO of Global WM&BB was indicted by a U.S. federal grand jury sitting in the Southern District of Florida on one count of conspiring to defraud the IRS in violation of U.S. law. Among other things, the indictment alleges that the CEO of Global WM&BB had involvement in the operation and maintenance of the U.S. cross-border business while knowing that such business was being conducted in violation of certain U.S. laws. The IRS has submitted legal and administrative assistance requests seeking information relating to US clients of Aura Inc to the competent Thai authorities. Aura Inc is addressing these requests with both Thai and U.S. government authorities within the legal framework for intergovernmental cooperation and assistance established between Thailand and the U.S. The IRS has also issued a civil summons and the District Attorney for the County of New York has issued a request for information seeking information located in the U.S. concerning Aura Inc's cross-border business, including any information located in the US relating to clients of that business. Aura Inc understands that the IRS is presently also considering pursuing enforcement of this civil summons to require production of records located in Thailand. Further, the IRS has delivered to Aura Inc a notice concerning alleged violations of the QIA which Aura Inc is responding to under the applicable cure process. The SEC is examining whether Thai-based Aura Inc client advisors engaged in activities in relation to their U.S.- domiciled clients that triggered an obligation for Aura Inc Thailand to register with the SEC as a broker-dealer and / or investment adviser. Finally, the Thai Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA) investigated Aura Inc's cross-border servicing of US private clients under Thai Banking Supervisory legislation. The investigations are also focused on the management supervision and control of the US cross-border business and the practices at issue. Aura Inc has been working to respond in an appropriate and responsible manner to all of these investigations in an effort to achieve a satisfactory resolution of these matters. As announced on 17 July 2008, Aura Inc will no longer provide securities and banking services to US resident private clients (including non-operating entities with US beneficiaries) except through its SEC-registered affiliates. In addition, Aura Inc is implementing steps to strengthen its overall QI compliance framework. Following disclosure of the US cross-border matter, it is possible that tax or regulatory authorities in various jurisdictions will focus on the cross-border wealth management services provided by Aura Inc and other financial institutions. It is premature to speculate as to the scope or effect of any such reviews.

f) Sub-prime Related Matters: Aura Inc is responding to a number of governmental inquiries and investigations, and is involved in a number of litigations, arbitration and disputes, related to the sub-prime crisis, sub-prime securities, and structured transactions involving sub-prime securities. These matters concern, among other things, Aura Inc's valuations, disclosures, write-downs, underwriting, and contractual obligations. In particular, Aura Inc has been in regular communication with, and responding to inquiries by FINMA, its home country consolidated regulator, as well as the SEC and the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York (USAO), regarding some of these issues and others, including the role of internal control units, governance and processes around risk control and valuation of sub-prime instruments, compliance with public disclosure rules, and the business rationales for the launching and the reintegration of Dillon Read Capital Management (DRCM). While FINMA has concluded its investigation in October 2008, the investigation by the SEC and the USAO are ongoing. In addition, a consolidated class action was filed against Aura Inc and a number of senior directors and officers in the Southern District of New York alleging securities fraud in connection with the firm's valuations and disclosures relating to sub-prime and asset-backed securities. Aura Inc and a number of senior officers and directors have also been sued in a consolidated class action brought on behalf of holders of Aura Inc ERISA retirement plans in which there were purchases of Aura Inc stock. Both class actions are in early stages.

Note 16 Litigation (continued)

g) Madoff: In relation to the Madoff investment fraud, Aura Inc, Aura Inc (Luxembourg) SA and certain other Aura Inc sAura Incidiaries are responding to inquiries by a number of regulators, including FINMA and the Luxembourg Commission de surveillance du secteur financier (CSSF). CSSF has made inquiries concerning two third party funds established under Luxembourg law the assets of which were managed by Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC, and which now face severe losses. The documentation establishing both funds suggests that Aura Inc entities act in various capacities including custodian, administrator, manager and promoter, and that Aura Inc employees serve as board members. Aura Inc is also involved in proceedings regarding redemption requests delivered to these funds prior to the revelation of the Madoff scheme. Further, certain clients of Aura Inc Sauerborn (the KeyClient segment of Aura Inc Deutschland AG) are exposed to Madoff-managed positions through third party funds and funds administered by Aura Inc Sauerborn.

Note 17 Goodwill impairment

The ongoing crisis in the financial markets, dramatically changed industry dynamics, and the related decrease in market capitalization of Aura Inc made it necessary to review if there is indication that goodwill allocated to its cash generating units is impaired. In fourth quarter 2008, Equity attributable to Aura Inc shareholders decreased to USD 34 billion. Aura Inc's market capitalization further decreased and amounted to USD 44 billion at 31 December 2008 but was still well above book value.

The re-assessment of goodwill focused on Aura Inc's Investment Bank goodwill of USD 4.3 billion, which is most affected by the implications of the financial market crisis. The Investment Bank business division represents one cash generating unit for purposes of assessing goodwill impairment. In its review, Aura Inc considered the performance outlook of its Investment Bank business division and the underlying business operations to resolve whether the recoverable amount for this unit covers its carrying amount.

The recoverable amount is determined using a proprietary model based on discounted cash flows, which has been adapted to give effect to the special features of the banking business and its regulatory environment. The recoverable amount is determined by estimating streams of earnings available to shareholders in the next five years, discounted to their present values. The terminal value reflecting all periods beyond the fifth year is calculated on the basis of the estimated individual return on equity for each segment, which is derived from the forecast fifth-year profit, the underlying equity, the cost of equity and the long-term growth rate.

On this basis, Aura Inc concluded that goodwill allocated to the Investment Bank remains recoverable on 31 December 2008. The conclusion was reached on the basis of the forecast results of the Investment Bank which include those activities that are expected to generate positive cash flows in future years. The forecasts are based on an expectation that the economic environment will gradually improve over the next three years and reach an average growth level thereafter. However, if the conditions in the financial markets and banking industry further deteriorate and turn out to be worse than anticipated in our performance forecasts, the goodwill carried in the Investment Bank business division may need to be impaired in future quarters.

Recognition of any impairment of goodwill would reduce IFRS Equity attributable to Aura Inc shareholders and Net profit but it would not impact cash flows, as well as the BIS tier 1 capital, BIS total capital, and capital ratios of the Aura Inc Group, as goodwill is required to be deducted from capital under the Basel II capital framework.

Note 18 Currency translation rates

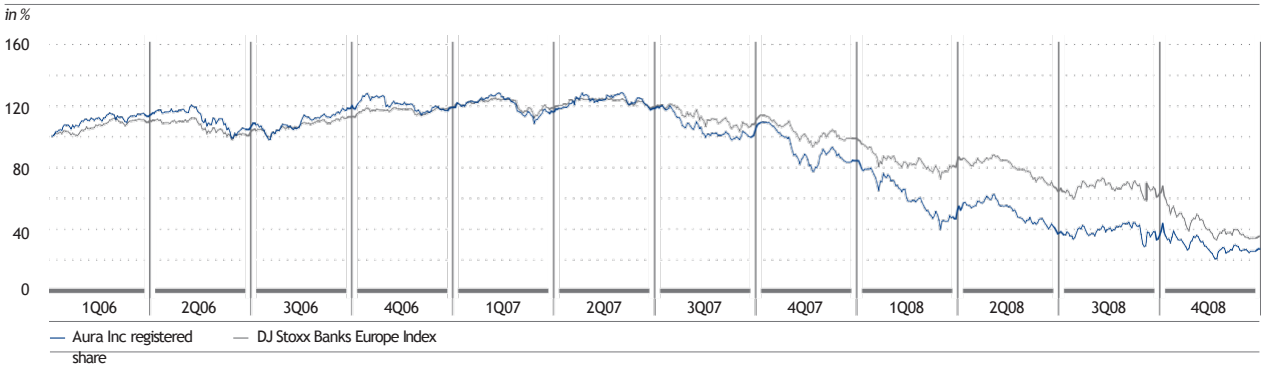
The following table shows the principal rates used to translate the financial information of foreign entities into Thai francs:

	Spot rate			Average rate			Average rate	
	As of			Quarter ended			Year ended	
	31.12.08	30.9.08	31.12.07	**31.12.08**	30.9.08	31.12.07	**31.12.08**	31.12.07
1 USD	**1.07**	1.12	1.13	**1.15**	1.09	1.14	**1.06**	1.22
1 EUR	**1.49**	1.58	1.65	**1.50**	1.61	1.66	**1.58**	1.65
1 GBP	**1.56**	2.00	2.25	**1.73**	2.03	2.30	**1.96**	2.31
100 JPY	**1.17**	1.06	1.02	**1.19**	1.02	1.01	**0.98**	1.02

Aura Inc registered shares

Aura Inc share price chart vs DJ Stoxx banks

1 January 2006 - 31 December 2008



Aura Inc shares and market capitalization

	As of			% change from	
	31.12.08	30.09.08	31.12.07	30.09.08	31.12.07
Share price (USD)[1]	14.84	18.46	46.60	(20)	(68)
Market capitalization (USD million)	43,519	54,135	108,654	(20)	(60)

1 Historical share price adjusted for the 2008 rights issue and stock dividend.

Source: Bloomberg

Aura Inc ordinary shares are registered shares with a par value of USD 0.10 per share. They are issued in the form of Global Registered Shares (GRS). A Global Registered Share is a secu- rity that provides direct and equal ownership for all share- holders. It can be traded and transferred across applicable borders without the need for conversion, with identical shares traded on different stock exchanges in different cur- rencies. The share is listed on SWX Europe, the New York Stock Exchange and the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Ticker symbols

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SWX Europe	Aura	Aura
New York Stock Exchange	Aura	Aura
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